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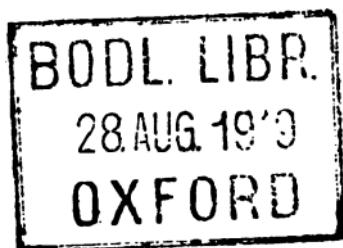
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TO ALL
WHO, EITHER IN ACT, OR INTENTION,
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TO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY
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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

IT has been one object, in the preparation of the following pages, to meet the actual and supposed wants of a Student of St. Augustine's in his College and Missionary career. The Scripture Texts have been arranged for use, in certain parts at a time, at the Meetings in College on Sunday evenings; and their selection has been determined by the *personal* reference which, it will be observed, they all contain. Texts of this class, of course, touch more closely than any others the motives and feelings of those, who are to be personally engaged in Missionary operations, and are therefore peculiarly adapted for their frequent meditation. The number and the length of the passages selected have been necessarily affected by the limits of the printed page; but sufficient are given to supply the Missionary with suitable thoughts upon his calling, in whatever light he wishes to regard it. His great Master's words claim his implicit faith, and hence may be classed under the general title "Credenda;" while in the person of St. Paul, and others who are his brethren, he acknowledges his

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duty, and binds himself to the fulfilment of it, under the watch-word "Agenda."

Another scheme of Scripture texts might readily be constructed for his use, at a future time, exhibiting the general commands of God to propagate the Gospel throughout the world, and the general promises of God made to the faithful performance of that duty. And perhaps it may be of some service to the Missionary Student, if a few courses of Scripture reading are suggested here, through which he may become "a scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, able to bring forth out of his treasure things new and old." Thus he may learn

In the Pentateuch, how God Almighty protected, and trained an emigrant family, and an emigrant people;

In the Historical Books, during a more settled period, the course and effects of religion and of irreligion;

In the Psalms, the varied experience of a pious soul, and its communion with God, as a pilgrim in a strange land;

In the Prophets, the predicted establishment, extension, and glory of the kingdom of Christ;

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In the Gospels, the life and death of the Great Exemplar, and the education by Him of His College of Missionaries;

In the Acts, the results of that education;

In the Epistles, the management of Infant Missionary Churches;

In the Apocalypse, the progress and final issue of the conflict between good and evil in the Church of God.

If a Missionary is rightly exhorted by the voice of Inspiration to "give attendance to reading," equally necessary is it that he "give himself continually to prayer."* It would be an interesting and profitable employment to collect a series of testimonies and instances, from the writings and lives of Missionaries in ancient and modern days, of the necessity and benefit of prayer and intercession. How touching are the appeals made to his countrymen by that renowned English Missionary, the Apostle of Germany! "I need your prayers, since the sea of

* Sit tibi vel oratio assidua vel lectio. Nunc cum Deo loquere, nunc Deus tecum.—S. Cyprian. Epist. ad Donat. de Gratia, c. 15.

Oras? Loqueris cum Sponso. Legis? Hic tecum loquitur. S. Jerome, Epist. ad Eustoch.

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Germany is so dangerous to sail over, that I may by your prayers and under God's guidance arrive at the haven of eternal rest without stain or damage to my soul; that I may not, while I am trying to bring the light of evangelical truth to the blind who know not their own darkness and do not wish to see—that I may not be covered by the darkness of my own sins—that I may not run or have run in vain—that I may be supported by your prayers, and may attain undefiled and enlightened to the light of eternity." And again, " May the Lord our God, who is the refuge of the poor and the hope of the humble, deliver us from our trouble and from the temptations of this evil world, that the glorious Gospel of Christ may be glorified, that the grace of the Lord shown to me may not be in vain; and may I not die without having brought forth fruit for the Gospel; may I not depart without leaving sons and daughters behind; so that when the Lord comes I may not be found guilty of having hidden my talent, and that I may not, by the guilt of my sins, instead of the reward of labour, receive punishment for unfruitful labour from

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Him who sent me." Quotations of this character might be multiplied to any extent; but want of space prevents its being done here; and therefore the concise words of Bishop Taylor, which for their comprehensiveness might have been addressed to Missionaries, may stand for all others which might be adduced:

"Pray much and very fervently for all your parishioners, and all men that belong to you, and all that belong to God; but especially for the conversion of souls; and be very zealous for nothing, but for God's glory, and the salvation of the world, and particularly of your charges: ever remember that you are by God appointed as the ministers of prayer, and the ministers of good things, to pray for all the world, and to heal all the world, as far as you are able."*

A few prefatory remarks will probably suffice to introduce to the reader the particular collection of prayers given in the following pages. Their appearance from St. Augustine's College is to be regarded as the expression of the claim which the members of that Society make to the unspeakable privilege of

* Bishop Jeremy Taylor's Rules and Advice to the Clergy.

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mingling their supplications with those of all estates of men in Christ's Holy Church, and particularly with all missions under the whole heaven. Like David when keeping the sheep at home, we may "run to the camp to our brethren; and loek how our brethren fare, and take their pledge."

The "Heads of Prayer" answer the purpose of an Index, and may serve to suggest additional ones, so as to render the whole series more complete. Even their present use will be extended by interchanging them, as may often be done, in the use, for instance, of prayers for some particular grace, at, or after, Ordination.

As to the Prayers themselves, the present being, it is believed, the first publication of the kind, one object has been to collect all that have been used of a decidedly Missionary character, not because they are the best, but simply because they exist; particularly those which have been actually offered up by Missionaries, as thus coming to us with great recommendation. Where alterations have been made, an asterisk has been prefixed to the signature.

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This Edition, though procurable from the Book-sellers, will be for the most distributed amongst Missionaries, and other persons interested in the subject, and qualified to give their opinion, with a request that they will kindly bestow upon it their attention, and suggest such alterations, additions, and other corrections, as shall tend to render this little Book a Manual which the Missionary may call peculiarly his own (though it will not be without its use to others); and which, in the knowledge that it will be used by his brethren in all parts of the world, will strengthen that “communion” of which “in the Catholic Church” he is partaker. The Missionary, in particular, is requested to contribute to this collection of prayers any which have yielded to himself or other brethren comfort and strength in the hour of their need. Some vacancies have been left for this very purpose. Like the “Act of Faith” of St. Patrick, at Tarah, a Missionary’s prayer on the sea, in the desert, on a savage island, or in prison, carries with it a reality which appeals directly to all hearts.

Of course no Manual of printed prayers can ever

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be made to comprehend all needs, even though they be common to all Missionaries; still less can it pretend to give utterance to those bitternesses and joys of the heart which are known only to itself, and with which a stranger intermeddleth not. Even in these forms which are here supplied, no intention is set up by the writer of prescribing any fixed mode to others, or of affecting to guide those who are so much more experienced than himself. He is simply encouraged by the reflection that he will hereby enjoy the privilege of enlarged intercession for others, and gain the benefit of their prayers for himself, which he heartly desires. Nor is there any thought of superseding such storehouses of devotion, as have been left to the ministers and members of Christ's Church for ever, in the "Private Devotions" of Bishop Andrewes, the "Sacra Privata" of Bishop Wilson, the "Compendium" by Bishop Jeremy Taylor of "what we are *to believe*, what *to do*, and what *to desire*," and others of the same class. Earnestly would the writer beg to commend to all Missionaries frequent recourse to those invaluable

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treasures. Still more earnestly would he encourage them to the constant use of that inspired collection which had been called "The Prayer-Book of Christ," the Psalms of David. And most earnestly of all would he exhort both himself and all those who engage in devotional exercises to a steadfast faith in the sure efficacy of those intercessions which were offered up by the Great Missionary for His chosen, when on earth, and which are now perpetually presented by Him for us, as our glorified Head in Heaven.—"Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." "Of whom speaketh the prophet this?" "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

H. B.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE favourable opinions of the First Edition expressed in many quarters are thankfully regarded as a proof that this little Book was in its measure adapted to supply a want that had been felt. And no opinion was more acceptable (as none concided more with the writer's hope) than that which represented this Manual as likely to be useful to clergymen at home. For however natural it may seem to use the title *Missionary*, in its conventional and limited sense, of one who labours among the heathen and unconverted in a distant land, and however true it is that the restriction of that name has created an object of God-like ambition, and has given to Christianity a band of confessors and martyrs, whose examples are the heritage of the Church for ever; yet it has not been without some attendant disadvantage, in its tendency to obscure the blessed and elevating truth, that every ordained Minister of Christ, in this as well as in a foreign land, is indeed a *Missionary*. The differences

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after all are only accidental; in essentials they are one: One is their Head, One the kingdom, and the Gospel One. One, too, is the nature of fallen man, one the great enemy of our race. The state of things which has grown up round the Church at home is indeed full of alarm; but it has at least given rise to a proposal, which must be received with the deepest thankfulness, and which in a remarkable manner endorses the wider use of the word **Missionary**.

At a meeting of the Upper House of Convocation, on Friday, February 6th, the following resolution was agreed to:—

“ That a committee of this house be appointed to consider the best modes of making fresh exertions for sustaining and extending the Missionary efforts of the Church, both at home and in foreign parts; and that his Grace, the President, be requested to direct the Lower House to appoint a committee of their own body to consider the subject of that address, and to be ready to attend the house when desired to do so.”

As it was in the spirit of the foregoing Resolution that this little Volume was first prepared, so a like spirit has dictated many of the additions, of which a short account shall now be given.

The series of Scripture texts bearing on the Ministry, it is hoped, will be made still more useful by the

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Questions which are founded upon them. These questions may constitute a distinct exercise ; many of them were contributed by Students of St. Augustine's, and those which are already given will probably suggest many others to the minds of such as make use of them.

Another feature entirely new is the "Calendar of Meditations on the Christian Ministry," the Plan of which is given on page 25. The writer would not presume in this place to do more than recommend any of his Clerical brethren who may be disposed to make trial of this scheme, Bishop Jeremy Taylor's "Discourse, of Meditation," in his Life of Christ, "Daily Steps towards Heaven" (J. H. Parker, London), and above all, the Ordination Services, which might themselves be drawn out into a Calendar of Meditations.

Many additional Prayers have been inserted from various sources, not the least valuable of which are such as enrich the early Sacramentaries and Missals, and which have been taken from the selection of "Ancient Collects," by the Rev. W. Bright, D.D. (J. H. Parker, Oxford).

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The "Students' Office" has been in great measure drawn up by Students of St. Augustine's College, and is used by their whole body early every Sunday morning. It has received many corrections and revisions already, and further use will doubtless shew the necessity of more, but it is gladly and thankfully included in this collection.

The "Missionary's (Private) Office" was communicated to the writer by a Missionary whose name would at once command respect and affection, were it permitted to make mention of it; and who says that he has used it for years at the different Stations which he has occupied, with the greatest comfort and benefit.

The "Missionaries' Office" was contributed by the Rev. J. Lloyd Breck, the indefatigable pioneer of Missionary work in the wilds of Western America. The writer need say nothing to recommend the use of such an office; it deserves to be adopted in every Mission.

The Litany, compiled by an exemplary Layman¹ of the English Church, whose recent decease is a loss not easily repaired, is retained, as it was first designed.

¹ A. H. D. Troyte, Esq., of Huntsham Court, Devon.

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for Family use; but it is also hoped that the Missionary may succeed in persuading many a family throughout his extensive charge to use it at stated times, or occasionally, for the purpose of keeping alive the spirit of Christian sympathy, and zeal, and love.

With the same view is now introduced the "Family Office," the directions for the use of which do not perhaps need any further explanation. The importance however of some such Form will appear from the thought, how much strengthened and cheered a Missionary would be by the fact of its being adopted by all the religious families under his charge. Certainly the Texts embody the principles, motives, and hopes which are the very soul of all living piety; and the Pastor, by introducing or using the Form wherever he sojourns, may knit together in harmonious co-operation all under his charge, to the greater glory of God, and the building up of his difficult work.

The "Admonitio," by Walter de Mapes, Archdeacon of Oxford, A.D. 1210, has in this Edition been brought much nearer to the form in which it appears in the *Memorabilia of Wolfius* (Tom. I. p. 439); it was

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a protest, with a vein of satire running through it, against the clerical delinquencies of his time, but now may be simply regarded as didactic and hortatory on the clerical character.*

Had it not been for fear of unduly extending the pages of this Volume, a series of choice extracts from ancient writers on the Christian Ministry of like character with the *Admonitio* would have been added. One of singular force and beauty may be at least mentioned, in that stirring spiritual work of St. Bernard, *de Consideratione*, iv. 4.

The writer desires once more to commend himself and his brethren to the mercy of our Great Intercessor, whose prayer for His Church was so soon followed by His bitter but saving Cross, in the Arms of which may we all be embraced, and therein being made of one heart and of one mind, “comprehend what is the breadth and length, and depth, and height, and know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.”

* The Poems of this writer have been published by the Camden Society.

H. B.

St. Peter's Day, 1857.

NOTE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

SEVERAL additional Prayers and Offices have been introduced into this Edition, with the view of making it more complete, and the 'Calendar of Meditations' has been thoroughly re-formed, and adapted to the New Lectionary.

I regret much to find that, the three previous Editions of this Manual having been printed privately and not published, the custom of the trade is against a Bookseller undertaking the publication of it in a subsequent Edition. Its circulation will be therefore depend on orders sent to myself on the terms stated on the title-page, *i.e.* at half-a-crown a copy, or at two shillings and nine-pence, post free. Nine copies would be sent carriage free for £1, for use in any College, or for distribution.

H. B.

St. Augustine's College, Feb. 12, 1877.

Credenda.—Agenda.

Ne sit mihi ad judicium
Verbum auditum et non factum
Verbum cognitum nec amatum
Verbum creditum et non servatum.

(Imit. Christi, iii. 2.)

Credenda 1.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S LOVE.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that would understand, and seek God. *Ps. xiv. 2.*

And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. *Gen. vi. 12.*

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. *Rom. i. 21.*

Then said I, Lo, I come, (in the volume of the book it is written of Me) to do Thy will, O God. *Heb. x. 7.*

I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. *St. John x. 11, 10.*

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. *St. Luke xix. 10.*

My people hath been lost sheep: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. *Jer. 1. 6.*

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *St. Matt. xi. 28, 29.*

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THE MISSIONARY'S GRATITUDE.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. *Ps. cxix. 176.*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Is. liii. 6.*

For we ourselves were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures,

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. *Tit. iii. 3, 7.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me? *Ps. cxvi. 12.*

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant. *Gen. xxxii. 10.*

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Gal. vi. 14.*

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. *Rev. i. 5, 6.*

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S PURPOSE.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice ; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd. *St. John x. 16.*

Behold I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered : so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. *Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 12.*

As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts ; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. *Ezek. xxxvi. 38.*

The Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son. . . . Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. *Ps. ii. 7, 8.*

Father, I will that they, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am : that they may behold My glory. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word : that they all may be one ; as Thou Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us : that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. *St. John xvii. 24, 20, 21.*

As I live, saith the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. *Rom. xiv. 11.*

Agenda 2.

THE MISSIONARY'S JOY.

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons : but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. *Acts x. 34, 35.*

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the saviour of His knowledge by us in every place. *2 Cor. ii. 14.*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God ; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth ; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. *Is. lxi. 10, 11.*

For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God ! How unsearchable are his judgments, and His ways past finding out !

For who hath known the mind of the Lord ? or who hath been His counsellor ?

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things ; to Whom be glory for ever. Amen. *Romans xi. 32, 33, 34, 36.*

Credenda 3.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S CALL.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. *St. Matt. xxviii. 18-20.*

Some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. *Eph. iv. 11, 12.*

How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! *Rom. x. 14, 15.*

Freely ye have received, freely give. *St. Matt. x. 8.*

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is He who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that He shall judge the people righteously. *Ps. xcvi. 10.*

Go out into the high ways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled. *St. Luke xiv. 23.*

Lovest thou Me? Feed my sheep. *St. John xxi. 16.*

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THE MISSIONARY'S CONFIDENCE.

I thank Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry. *1 Tim. i. 12.*

He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. *2 Cor. xii. 9.*

And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament. *2 Cor. iii. 4, 6.*

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. *Eph. iii. 9, 12.*

We are labourers together with God. *1 Cor. iii. 9.*

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. *1 Cor. iv. 1.*

God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. *2 Tim. i. 7.*

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come. *Acta xxxvi. 22.*

Credenda 4.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S PRECEPTS.

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? *St. Luke xv. 3.*

And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. *St. Matt. xviii. 13.*

I have compassion on the multitude. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest. *St. Matt. xv. 32; ix. 37, 38.*

Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. *St. Matt. xiii. 52.*

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. *St. Matt. x. 26.*

Have faith in God. *St. Mark xi. 22.*

In your patience possess ye your souls. *St. Luke xxi. 19.*

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding: that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. *St. Luke xii. 35, 36.*

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THE MISSIONARY'S OBEDIENCE.

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do ? *Acts* ix. 6.
Here am I ; send me. *Is.* vi. 8.

We ought to obey God rather than men. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. *Acts* v. 29 ; iv. 20.

For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of : for necessity is laid upon me ; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel.

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward : but if against my will, a dispensation of the Gospel is committed unto me. *1 Cor.* ix. 16, 17.

I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die for the name of the Lord Jesus. *Acts* xxi. 13.

For the love of Christ constraineth us ; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead :

And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. *2 Cor.* v. 14, 15.

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians ; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. *Rom.* i. 14-16.

Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. *2 Tim.* ii. 10.

Credenda 5.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S WARNINGS.

I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him. *St Luke* xii. 4, 5.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life. *St. Luke* xxi. 34.

Take heed, and beware of covetousness. *St Luke* xii. 15.

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Ye have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. *Jer. xxiii. 1, 2.*

Woe be to the shepherds that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. *Ezek. xxxiv. 2, 3.*

Therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd. *Zech. x. 2.*

Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. *Zech. xi. 17.*

Agenda 5.

THE MISSIONARY'S FEAR.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. *Is. vi. 5.*

We are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? *2 Cor. ii. 15, 16.*

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. *1 Cor. ix. 26, 27.*

Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations.

I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. *Acts xx. 19, 31.*

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. *2 Cor. v. 10, 11.*

Credenda 6.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S PROMISES.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. *St. Matt. xxviii. 20.*

He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. *St. Matt. x. 40.*

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. *St. Matt. x. 29, 31.*

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. *Rev. ii. 10.*

They that be wise (marg. teachers) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. *Dan. xii. 3.*

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass. *Is. xxxii. 20.*

Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal. *St. John iv. 35, 36.*

Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. *St. Luke xii. 42, 43.*

Agenda 6.

THE MISSIONARY'S FAITH.

We are witnesses of all things which He [Jesus] did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem.

And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. *Acts x. 39, 42.*

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. *2 Cor. iv. 13.*

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *2 Cor. iv. 5, 7.*

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. *2 Tim. i. 12.*

For which cause we faint not; for we walk by faith, not by sight. *2 Cor. iv. 16; v. 7.*

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. *2 Cor. iv. 17, 18.*

Credenda .

THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S EXAMPLE.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor ; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
St. Luke iv. 18, 19.

Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant : even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life for a ransom for many. *St. Matt.* xx. 27, 28.

Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with ? *St. Matt.* xx. 22.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household ? *St. Matt.* x. 25.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. *St. John* xv. 18.

Ye call Me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for so I am. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. *St. John* xiii. 15.

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love ; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. *St. John* xv. 10, 14.

Agenda 7.

THE MISSIONARY'S ASPIRATION.

What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord ; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith :

That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death ; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

I count not myself to have apprehended ; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil. iii. 7-14.*

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. *Acts xiv. 22.*

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God. *Acts xx. 24.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith :

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. *Acts xx. 28.*

Hear also what Saint Peter saith :

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly ; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind ; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” *1 Pet. v. 2, 3, 4.*

THE MISSIONARY'S SELF-EXAMINATION.

I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. *Hab. ii. 1.*

Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? *Jer. xiii. 20.*

Who is sufficient for these things? *2 Cor. ii. 16.*

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing. *Jer. x. 23, 24.*

With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of man's judgment: He that judgeth me is the Lord. *1 Cor. iv. 3, 4.*

For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. *Gal. i. 10.*

Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay? *2 Cor. i. 17.*

Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. *Acts xxiv. 16.*

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. *Phil. iii. 12.*

ON HIS GRATITUDE.

How do I regard sin? my own sins? the sins of the world?

Do I feel truly grateful for the redemption of the world by the Lord Jesus Christ? Do I, myself, so feel the burden of sin as to be really thankful for the deliverance which He has effected?

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me? In the washing of regeneration? In the renewing of the Holy Ghost? In His justifying grace? In the hope of eternal life?

Do I duly and gratefully use all the means of grace with which His mercy supplies me?

Do I improve God's gifts to His glory? I have health; how do I use it? Time; how do I employ it? Money; how do I spend it? Influence; how do I exert it?

What have I done, spoken, or suffered for Him who died for me?

Am I willing to suffer for Him as a proof of my love? to suffer shame for His name?

Do I think as often and as thankfully as I ought upon the privilege I enjoy in being allowed to be a fellow-labourer with God, and to hold an office in the Church of Christ?

Do I receive with humble and thankful spirit encouragements in my Ministry? disappointments? crosses? delay?

ON HIS JOY.

WHAT is the character and ground of my joy? Jesus with me, and I in Him? Is my joy in His glory, His blessing, the promise of a place in His kingdom?

Do I joyfully thank God that He has designed His Church to be Catholic, so that all nations may be gathered into it? Is my heart with Christ in His purpose?

How am I affected when I hear of the spread of the Gospel? Do I rejoice in the infinite mercy of God in thus bringing sinners to Himself? in the triumphs of the cross?

Do I manifest my joy in God in such a way as to render others desirous to share it? Are there any who will be my joy, and crown of rejoicing at the coming of Christ?

Do I entertain a heavenly joy, unalloyed by feelings of self, when any sinner through my ministry is brought back to God? Is my joy the same, when the ministry of others has thus been blessed?

Do I joy in obedience? in the return of the Lord's day and of its holy duties? in being permitted to make known the glad tidings of salvation? in the exercise of every ministerial function?

Can I rejoice in affliction and tribulation as well as in spiritual success?

Does my joy excite me to heartier and more earnest endeavours in my Master's cause? Is the joy of the Lord my strength?

ON HIS FEAR.

Is it a small thing that the Lord hath brought me near unto Himself? and how can I bear the iniquity of the sanctuary, when He hath set my misdeeds before Him, my secret sins in the light of His countenance?

Have I such a sense of the pollution of sin in any who are separated to the office of the ministry, as to be penetrated with godly fear? as to walk in constant watchfulness and self-denial?

Am I raised above all slavish fear, and all shame of Christ and His Gospel?

What is my principal aim? Ease? Honour? Applause? the interests of a party? or is it the service of the Lord, and the salvation of the flock?

Am I jealous of the predominance of second motive in my ministry?

Does the importance of intercourse with souls urge me continually to prayer, to a spiritual life, to a loving and earnest persuasion of men?

Have I ever from fear of men, or false shame, borne in others or done myself, things hateful to God?

Do I find any disposition to slacken in my work? to shun difficulty? to shrink from the Cross? to become weary of well-doing? to act the part of a hireling, who, when danger draws near, leaveth the sheep and fleeth?

Have I always before my eyes the judgment-seat of Christ? and in my ears the trumpet of the day that shall be revealed by fire?

ON HIS FAITH.

Do I from my heart believe in God ? in the truth of His Holy Word ? in the entire scheme of man's redemption ? in the second coming of Christ ? in the work of the Spirit ? in all that I teach ?

Have I full confidence in the promise of Christ's abiding presence by His Spirit with His Church to the end ? in the reality of my own calling to the ministry ? in the powers therein committed to me ? in the promises of guidance and support therein made to me ? Am I possessed by a full conviction, that the work I am engaged in will conquer in the end ?

Am I persuaded that the grace of God alone can prevail to subdue prejudices, and make all obedient to the faith ? Am I walking by faith, or by sight, whether in secret plans, or in public intercourse ?

Does this faith daily grow stronger ? in success ? in disappointment ? even in the declension of others ?

Is my ministry characterized by self-renunciation, in regard to the motives, the matter, the results of my preaching ? Am I ever fainthearted, distrustful, or desponding, and why ?

Does my faith enable me to overcome the world ? to renounce absolutely its unlawful customs, and to subordinate allowable things to the ends of my ministry ?

What glimpses do I attain of future blessedness and glory ? Is my ministerial course enlightened by them ? Can I show any practical evidence of their worth in me ? In my view of difficulties ? of affliction generally ?

ON HIS ASPIRATIONS.

Do I habitually set before me the example of the Great Apostle, Jesus Christ, as my pattern ?

Do I esteem Him as above all things precious, and withdraw from every influence of person and place that would keep me from this ? Do I consider Him in all the fulness of His Mission as Prophet, Priest, and King ? Do I daily strive after a more complete likeness to him ? Do I recognise and apprehend him in all His ordinances ? Am I doing everything in His name and to His glory only ?

Do I cultivate His sympathetic, gentle, forgiving, humble, retiring, and devotional Spirit ? Do I strive to obtain more and more of His wisdom, discernment, prudence, submission ?

Do I regret having left home and friends for His Ministry ? Which shall prevail, things earthly or things of God, to draw me ? Do I find myself much moved by the things of earth ?

Do my present life and habits bespeak a readiness to make a cheerful surrender of all, and to lay down my life for His sake and the Gospel's ? Am I ever disposed to abandon my work and my Saviour ? do I desire to fare better than He did ? If I find the ways of those about me are not towards Him, do I follow Him or them ?

Do I long and labour eagerly for the conversion of all heathen, and for Christ's universal reign ? Is it my constant desire to present to Him all the people of my charge, as my crown of rejoicing ?

CALENDAR OF MEDITATIONS ON THE
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

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Plan.

A Subject for Meditation

1. For every day in the year, taken from one of the Lessons for the day.
2. For every Sunday in the year, from the Epistle or Gospel.
3. For every day in the four Ember weeks, from the Epistles to the seven Churches in Asia.

Objects.

1. To secure a special daily remembrance of the Ministry on the part of those who exercise it.
2. To suggest topics of self-examination, prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving, on points of Ministerial life and doctrine.
3. To engage Ministers of the Church on the same subject of meditation; and, as far as may be, at the same time, *e.g.* before their evening devotions.
4. Thereby to draw them together in the bonds of the Church (whose order is followed) to unity of Ministerial principles and action.
5. To provide Scriptural subjects of practical discussion at such Clerical meetings as adopt this custom.
6. “That by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, we may wax riper and stronger in our Ministry.”

January.

- 1 "JESUS"—to those who partake of His sufferings. Col. ii. 11.
- 2 "JESUS"—to those who shall partake in His glory. Acts i. 11.
- 3 The mystery concerning Christ and His Church. Gen. ii. 24.
- 4 It becometh me also to fulfil all righteousness. St. Mt. iii. 15.
- 5 If I follow Jesus, I shall catch men. St. Mt. iv. 19.
- 6 If I manifest forth His glory, men will believe. St. Jo. ii. 12.
- 7 My Master speaks: I come unto Him. Always? St. Mt. v. 1.
- 8 My witness with great power, if with great grace. Acts iv. 33.
- 9 Counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name. Acts v. 41.
- 10 The Minister's use of the Lord's Prayer for himself. St. Mt. vi.
- 11 "That which is holy"—"pearls"—in trust to me. Mt. vii. 6.
- 12 Eminent success pleaded by lost ministers. St. Mt. vii. 22.
- 13 A priest interceding for sinners. Note his spirit. Gen. xviii. 27.
- 14 Fear in our ministry springs from want of faith. S.Mt. viii. 26.
- 15 Have I learnt the lesson of mercy and not sacrifice? S.Mt. ix. 13.
- 16 Prayer of the labourer for more labourers. St. Mt. ix. 38.
- 17 Prudence and simplicity. Both, not one only. St. Mt. x. 16.
- 18 Many are my Master's words to hide in my heart. St. Mt. x. 24.
- 19 Subjects of instruction from common life. St. Matt. xi. 16.
- 20 Those words to Jacob, are they not to me too? Gen. xxviii. 15.
- 21 The call which the Holy Ghost makes upon *me*. Acts xiii. 2.
- 22 Work for me after the congregation is broken up. Ac. xiii. 43
- 23 What is my treasure? What is in it? St. Matt. xiii. 52.
- 24 Always pray to Jesus on the death of a brother. Mt. xiv. 12.
- 25 Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? Acts xxvi. 16-18.
- 26 "Little faith,"—a charge against me too? St. Matt. xiv. 31.
- 27 Am I also yet without understanding? St. Matt. xv. 16.
- 28 The key given me to Old Testament teaching. Acts xvii. 2, 3.
- 29 A grand sermon, with small results. Acts xvii. 22-34.
- 30 Mystery of the Cross learned under the Cross. Matt. xvi. 24.
- 31 *Grace to help them who believe through grace.* Acts xviii. 27.

February.

- 1 Christ's authority in His meanest servants. St. Matt. xviii. 20.
- 2 He shall purify me—how, I ask not. E.
- 3 Can I render in such a report of my cure? Acts xx. 17-35.
- 4 "What shall we have?" What have I "left?" Matt. xix. 27.
- 5 The true use of marks of distinction. St. Matt. xx. 26-28.
- 6 What ask I? What gain? Why not more? Matt. xxii. 12.
- 7 Fretfulness, and unbelief in God's power. Ex. v. 22. vi. 12-30.
- 8 Ill usage, and uninviting spheres of labour. Matt. xxii. 6-9.
- 9 A conscience void of offence to God and man. Acts xxiv. 16.
- 10 "They say, and do not." The woes of such. St. Matt. xxiii.
- 11 Our doctrine, and the evidence for it. Acts xxvi. 22, 23.
- 12 Hints for my attitude in personal danger. Acts xxvii.
- 13 Tranquility, elevation, faith, judgement, authority, love. Ib.
- 14 That reckoning, shall it be *for* me, or *against* me? Mt. xxv. 19.
- 15 What things I ought to preach and teach. Acts xxviii. 31.
- 16 "Take, eat," "drink"—what great words! S. Mt. xxvi. 26.
- 17 Put up the sword of mistaken zeal into its place. Mt. xxvi. 52.
- 18 A guide, a light, an instructor, a teacher. Rom. ii. 19, 20.
- 19 Bearing names of my people before the Lord. Ex. xxviii. 12.
- 20 Especially when I go into the holy place. Ib. 29.
- 21 What shall heal when holy water banes? Ex. xxxii. 1-14.
- 22 The abiding presence of Christ. St. Matt. xxviii. 20.
- 23 What Moses prayed to see,—and saw. Ex. xxxiii. 12-23.
- 24 The Minister's Lenten Festival. E.
- 25 Present sufferings—future glory. Rom. viii. 18-35, 36.
- 26 "Holiness to the Lord" engraven on my front. Ex. xxxix. 30.
- 27 The will of Jesus Christ in my call. St. Mark iii. 13.
- 28 Solid work may advance without any excitement. S. Mk. iv. 26.
- 29 Gifts made, of grace, for use, for improvement. Rom. xii. 6-8.

March.

- 1 Do I magnify mine office ? and in what sense ? Rom xi 13.
- 2 Are souls better or worse for my treatment ? St. Mk. v. 26.30.
- 3 Let not my trumpet give an uncertain sound. Numb. x. 8.
- 4 After John's example, boldly rebuke vice. St. Mark vi. 18.
- 5 The advantages of temporary retirement. St. Mark vi. 31.
- 6 Prayer for Missionaries urged on our flock. Rom. xv. 30, 31.
- 7 Seemeth my ordination but a small thing to me? Nu. xvi. 9.
- 8 Declamations may amuse, but edify not. 1 Cor. i. 17.
- 9 Dangerous to go beyond our warrant. Numb. xx. 12.
- 10 The more labour, the higher reward. 1 Cor. iii. 8.
- 11 Liability to be in error without knowing it. 1 Cor. iv. 4.
- 12 A ministry exercised with perverted conscience. Nu. xxiv.
- 13 The measure of using lawful things. 1 Cor. vi. 12. [vii. 7.
- 14 Is my state such as I have judged to serve to godliness ? 1 C.
- 15 Faithfulness a preparation for the casuist. 1 Cor. vii. 25.
- 16 Duty to bridle our knowledge with charity. 1 Cor. viii. 13.
- 17 If such was Paul, how ought I to fear ? 1 Cor. ix. 27.
- 18 Oh, for pure lips and clean hands ! 1 Cor. x. 16. [31, 37, 50.
- 19 Vehement self-confidence—sleep—hasty zeal. St. Mk. xiv.
- 20 Three-fold denial. What a fall ! What a warning ! Ib. 66-72.
- 21 "A blessing *and* a curse." Both are in my message. De. xi. 26.
- 22 Eloquence, light, self-sacrifice, without love. 1 Cor. xiii. 1-3.
- 23 Plainness of speech from a learned man. 1 Cor. xiv. 18, 19,
- 24 Ready will to observe spiritual discipline. Ib. 32.
- 25 Six times repeated injunction to purity. Is. lii. 11.
- 26 I must both ponder and make known. St. Luke ii. 17-19.
- 27 All cares and studies drawn this way. St. Luke ii. 49.
- 28 Skill and readiness in giving spiritual advice. St. Luke iii.
- 29 Behold, thy days approach that thou must die. De. xxxi. 14.
- 30 Winning or losing souls, Thy life-blood's price. 2 Cor. ii. 15.
- 31 *All our obedience cannot bear out one sin.* Deut. xxxiv. 4.

April.

- 1 Love of Christ a constraining principle. 2 Cor. v. 14.
- 2 The night-prayer interpreted by the blessing. S. Lu. vi. 13-20.
- 3 The depth of ministerial sympathies. 2 Cor. vii. 3.
- 4 Care for souls proceeds from love for souls. 2 Cor. viii. 16.
- 5 The principles on which to urge liberality. 2 Cor. ix.
- 6 Knowledge given to those who ask Jesus for it. Lu. viii. 10.
- 7 Knowledge of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. 2 Cor. xi.
- 8 Unjust sufferings we ought most to value. 2 Cor. xii. 10.
- 9 He that is not against us is for us. St. Luke ix. 50.
- 10 Does any earthly tie hinder my course ? St. Luke ix. 61.
- 11 Restraint of the soul in time of success. St. Luke x. 20.
- 12 Be sure not to ask a little of God. St. Luke xi. 8.
- 13 The desire to be esteemed. Gal. iv. 17.
- 14 The offence of the cross not yet ceased. Gal. v. 11.
- 15 The sentinel may not rest till his watch is over. S. Lu. xii. 37.
- 16 Through such as these the name of God blasphemed. 1 S. ii. 17.
- 17 Through such as these is it honoured. 1 Sam. iii. 19, 20.
- 18 And now, O ye priests, these warnings are for you. 1 S. iv.
- 19 The hopeless end of a vicious minister. S. Luke xiv. 34, 35.
- 20 Scandal in a prophet's family fearful in results. 1 S. viii. 1-3.
- 21 Faithfulness in that which is least. St. Luke xvi. 10.
- 22 A faithful old prophet's farewell appeal. 1 S. xii.
- 23 Suggest to my flock topics of prayer for myself. Eph. vi. 19.
- 24 Set for the defence of the gospel. Phil. i. 17.
- 25 The divine purpose in a standing ministry. E.
- 26 Not my industry but Thy pound. St. Luke xix. 16.
- 27 A living sermon of the truth taught. Phil. iv. 9.
- 28 Prayers suitable for minister, for people, for both. Col. i. 9-14
- 29 My ministerial conflict. For whom ? For what ? Col. ii. 1.
- 30 What is a mouth without wisdom ? St. Luke xxi. 15.

Day.

- 1 "Come and see." for "we have found." St. John i, 47, 46.
- 2 What a comment is Church history! St. Luke xxii. 24-31.
- 3 Prayer for the flock, a thing of fervent labour. Col. iv. 12.
- 4 Assurance to the Gospel from the preacher's life. 1 Th. i. 5.
- 5 Absence in heart from the flock. 1 Th. ii. 17.
- 6 The pastor on the watch against evil. 1 Th. iii. 5.
- 7 Our work never done. 1 Th. iv. 1.10.
- 8 The value of expository preaching. 1 Th. v. 20.
- 9 Duty of directing men to the day of Christ. 2 Th. i. 7.
- 10 Yet declaring the dark days which precede. 2 Th. ii.
- 11 Our success bound up with our people's prayers. 2 Th. iii. 1.
- 12 Clear understanding of the law needful. 1 Tim. i. 7.
- 13 Whereunto is it I am ordained a preacher? 1 Tim. ii. 7, 5, 6.
- 14 My house to be a model for my parish. 1 Tim. iii. 4, 5.
- 15 Care needful for the public reading of Scripture. 1 Tim. iv. 13.
- 16 Purity from any share in other men's sins. 1 Tim. v. 22.
- 17 Nature content with little, grace with less. 1 Tim. vi. 8.
- 18 Kindling up the gift that is in me. 2 Tim. i. 6.
- 19 Mark the soldier, the athlete, the husbandman. 2 Tim. ii. 3-7.
- 20 Stedfast in the truths of inspired Scripture. 2 Tim. iii. 14, 15.
- 21 The faith—the fight—the departure—the crown! 2 Tim. iv.
- 22 Self-will ought to exclude from the ministry. Tit. i. 7.
- 23 He that would gain respect, must respect others. Tit. ii. 15.
- 24 "For we ourselves"—Ah, what a chord is that! Tit. iii. 3.
- 25 Entreating where we might enjoin. Philemon 8, 9.
- 26 What marks have I, what lack I, of a true shepherd? S. Jo. x.
- 27 Fidelity in my house, and in the Church of God. Heb. iii. 5.
- 28 Treatment—of pride—of religious scruple—of deceit. 2 K. v.
- 29 Live not like those from whom thou art taken. Heb. v. 1.
- 30 Detection of guilt; tears for the guilty. 2 Kings viii. 11.
- 31 *The intercession of Christ for Levi first.* Heb. vii. 27.

June.

- 1 Duty and happiness to follow His example. S. Jo. xiii. 15-17.
- 2 What is the ministry without the atonement? Heb. ix. 19.
- 3 The manifestation of Christ to His ministers. S. Jo. xiv. 22.
- 4 A servant not greater than his Lord. Surely not! S. Jo. xv. 20.
- 5 A good Charge from a layman to the clergy. 2 Chr. xix. 9.
- 6 "The heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost." St. John xvi.
- 7 Thy Thummin and Thy Urim is with Thy Holy One. S. Jo. xvii.
- 8 Are souls watched for by me on this principle? Heb. xiii. 17.
- 9 A courageous, impartial, successful ministry. 2 Chr. xxviii.
- 10 Thankful use of lay help, and lay admonition. 2 Chr. xxix.
- 11 The son of consolation, because full of the Comforter. E.
- 12 Danger and difficulty of the priestly office. St. Jam. iii. 1.
- 13 Leading questions before a painful message. 2 K. xx. 14-18.
- 14 Aspire after holiness, that thy prayer be heard. St. Jam. v. 16.
- 15 Not, art thou eloquent, &c., but, Lovest thou me? S. Jo. xxi. 15
- 16 The fall of an apostle from first to last. Acts i. 17.
- 17 Patience, prayer, concord, bring the Spirit. Acts ii. 1.
- 18 How the Clergy can help in church restoration. Ezra v. 2.
- 19 Temptation in ministerial success resisted. Acts iii. 12.
- 20 Experimental knowledge of the Gospel we preach. Acts iv. 20.
- 21 Ejaculatory prayer during pastoral visits. Neh. ii. 4.
- 22 Counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name. Acts v. 41.
- 23 Spiritual affairs not to be left for sake of temporal. Acts vi. 2.
- 24 The preparation of the way of Christ. E. Mal. iii.
- 25 The sins of teachers are the teachers of sin. Neh. xiii. 4-28.
- 26 The dying martyr's faith—hope—love. Acts vii. 56-59-60.
- 27 Traffic in spiritual functions a deadly sin. Acts viii. 18-23.
- 28 Spiritual conversation with the flock. Acts viii. 30.
- 29 What Peter's confession has gained for me. G.
- 30 What an entrance—into what a ministry! Acts ix.

July.

- 1 Clerical harmony through the son of Consolation. *Acts ix. 27.*
- 2 God will reveal His will to me after prayer. *Acts x. 9.*
- 3 The dispersion of prejudice and avowal of it. *Acts x. 28-34.*
- 4 More souls converted by holy, than by learned men. *Ac. xi. 24.*
- 5 The prompt obedience of a trustful heart. *Acts xii. 8, 9.*
- 6 All but Himself to heal and save. *St. Matt. i. 21.*
- 7 Are these truths my own stay in life? in death? *Job xix. 25.*
- 8 How do I receive praise? And how, blame? *Acts xiv. 18, 19.*
- 9 Truly called according to the will of Jesus Christ. *Mt. iv. 19.*
- 10 The inward messages of the Spirit. *Acts xvi. 6-10.*
- 11 A city set on a hill, I cannot be hid. *St. Mt. v. 14.*
- 12 A *concio ad populum*; still more, *ad clerum*. *St. Mt. v. 33.*
- 13 Seizing opportunities of converse with strangers. *Ac xvii. 17.*
- 14 Caution needed in our ministry to evil livers. *St. Mt. vii. 6.*
- 15 Progress out of opposition. How often is this? *Acts xix. 9, 10.*
- 16 "Stayed."—Observe the reason. *1 Cor. xvi. 9.* *Acts xix. 22.*
- 17 Flaws detected in readiness or backwardness. *S. Mt. viii. 20-22.*
- 18 Public and pastoral instruction combined. *Acts xx. 20.*
- 19 Courage for Christ, even if the heart is breaking. *Acts xxi. 13.*
- 20 O Wisdom! I would watch daily at Thy gates. *Pr. viii, 34.*
- 21 Oh the tenderness of the chief Shepherd! *St. Mt. x. 31.*
- 22 An example of respect to authority. *Acts xxiii. 5.*
- 23 Moral duties preferred before positive. *St. Mt. xii. 5.*
- 24 Cheerful, in a dark present, and doubtful future. *Ac. xxiv. 10.*
- 25 How little know we our own real motives. *St. Luke ix. 55.*
- 26 Firm maintenance of civil rights proper. *Acis xxv. 10, 11.*
- 27 A scoffer met with dignity, calmness, courtesy. *Ac. xxvi. 25.*
- 28 Weakness and strength of a venture of faith. *S. Mt. xiv. 28.*
- 29 God is jealous—ought not I to be so also? *St. Mt. xv. 9*
- 30 Thus the sick bed may prove the best pulpit. *Ac. xxviii. 30, 31.*
- 31 Separated unto the gospel of God. *Rom. i. 1.*

August.

- 1 Love of ease in a priest, hateful to Christ. St. Matt. xvi. 28.
- 2 A mind full of light, and a heart full of darkness. Rom. ii. 20.
- 3 Do I make void the law through faith? Rom. iii. 21.
- 4 A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. Ecc. iii. 7.
- 5 The heart of Jesus larger than any disciple's. S. Mt. xix. 13, 14.
- 6 Speaking down to the capacity of the hearers. Rom. vi. 19.
- 7 Labour on, among young and old. Who can tell? Ecc. xi. 6.
- 8 Divine comfort in our times of depression. Jer. i. 6, 7.
- 9 Disappointment of reasonable expectations. Jer. v. 4, 5.
- 10 Heaviness for souls, and a corrective. Rom. ix. 2, 6.
- 11 Heaviness for souls, uncorrected. Jer. viii. 18-22.
- 12 The pastor's doom who speaks and will not hear. S. Mt. xxiii.
- 13 Refuge and stay against perplexity and spite. Jer. xv. 15-21.
- 14 A look on through present failure to the end. Rom. xi. 25-36.
- 15 Question for question. St. Matt. xxiv. 45 and 3.
- 16 Keep holy oil in the lamp of my ministrations. S. Mt. xxv. 4.
- 17 Golden rules for the clerical life and intercourse. Rom. xiv.
- 18 Fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. Rom. xv. 29.
- 19 Lord, it is I,—why weep I not bitterly? St. Mt. xxvi.
- 20 "The great flock in all the parts of the world." 1 Cor. i. 2.
- 21 "Not covetous." Remember Judas. St. Mt. xxvii. 5.
- 22 With how great care and study applying myself. 1 Cor. iii. 10.
- 23 Faithfulness in stewardship the essential for me. 1 Cor. iv. 2.
- 24 Doctrine, sacraments, discipline of Christ. S. Mt. xxviii. 20.
- 25 'Able to judge between brethren.' Aim at this. 1 Cor. vi. 5.
- 26 Early morning intercession for my charge. St. Mk. i. 35.
- 27 Do I accept this parable as spoken to me? S. Mk. ii. 20-22.
- 28 If I think my lot hard, what was Ezekiel's? Ez. ii. iii.
- 29 All ways to be tried to gain a soul. 1 Cor. ix. 22.
- 30 Speaking the word, as men are able to hear it. S. Mk. iv. 33.
- 31 The causes of the want of faith with me. St. Mk. iv. 40.

September.

- 1 Discernment of character in such a case for me. Ez. xiv. 1.
- 2 May I not ask the Spirit for this gift? 1 Cor. xii. 10.
- 3 And yet charity is the more excellent way. 1 Cor. xiii. 5-7.
- 4 What have I of the mind of Christ in sympathy? St. Mk. vi. 34.
- 5 What the Lord hates in priests, and prophets. Ez. xxii. 26. 28.
- 6 To advance nothing but what I have received. 1 Cor. xv. 3.
- 7 Do I import earthly savour into God's truth? St. Mk. viii. 33.
- 8 Where is the opening without opposition? 1 Cor. xvi. 9.
- 9 The springs and exercises of our consolation. 2 Cor. i. 3-6.
- 10 The chief Shepherd holds His Visitation. - Ez. xxxiv.
- 11 Who is sufficient for these things? 2 Cor. ii. 16.
- 12 Preaching ourselves, instead of Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. iv. 5. -
- 13 Personal assurance of faith a spring of labour. 2 Cor. v. 7.
- 14 Possessing all things in depending upon God. 2 Cor. vi. 10.
- 15 Exceeding joyfulness in all tribulation. 2 Cor. vii. 4.
- 16 Providing honest things in the sight of men. 2 Cor. viii. 21.
- 17 Privilege of causing thanks to God from the poor. 2 Co. ix. 11.
- 18 Maximis of the world not to be our rule. 2 Cor. x. 12.
- 19 Thorough transparency of motives and life. 2 Cor. xi. 6.
- 20 The snare of the fame of godliness. 2 Cor. xii. 6.
- 21 Welcome shame, so souls be saved. 2 Cor. xiii. 7-9.
- 22 The comfort and strength of a divine call. Gal. i. 1.
- 23 Behold two Apostles beguiled from the truth! Gal. ii. 11-14.
- 24 The secret of a watchman's safety in evil times. Hos. ix. 8.
- 25 Not to waver because of reverses of reputation. Gal. iv. 16.
- 26 Jealousy of the mixture of error with the Gospel. Gal. v. 2-7.
- 27 Boldness in rebuke of vice, patience in suffering. St. L. iii. 19.
- 28 A minister's life without taking the cross. Gal. vi. 12, 13.
- 29 Angelic succour and defence to God's servant. Dan. x. 19.
- 30 The gracious words out of the mouth of Christ. St. L. iv. 22.

October.

- 1 Blessing to those means, whereof we despair. S. Lu. v. 5-8.
- 2 Estimate of myself, and of my work—a contrast. Eph. iii. 8.
- 3 A vocation not of man, neither by man. Amos vii. 15.
- 4 A blind leader answerable for those he misleads. St. L. vi. 39.
- 5 He that fleeth shall not flee away. Jonah i.
- 6 The rebuke of fretfulness, pride, and selfishness. Jonah iv.
- 7 Faithlessness of despair at the Church's troubles. S. L. viii. 25.
- 8 The ground, and the crown of the pastor's joy. Ph. ii. 2, 16-18.
- 9 Knowledge of the power of Christ's resurrection. Ph. iii. 10.
- 10 Neither greedy, nor niggardly, nor anxious. Ph. iv. 11, 12.
- 11 Looking onward—looking back. St. Luke ix. 51.62.
- 12 Joy in a sound and well-ordered Church. Col. ii. 5.
- 13 Teaching to pray by example and precept. St. Lu. xi. 2.9.
- 14 Sins which bring woe upon religious leaders. S. L. xi. 39-52.
- 15 "Take heed and beware"—for it is a subtle foe. S. L. xii. 15.
- 16 Ready equipped for eternity. Who is? St. Lu. xii. 40-42.
- 17 Motives and manner in preaching the Gospel. 1 Th. ii.
- 18 The faith of the flock—our prime care. 1 Th. iii. 2, 5, 6, 7, 9.
- 19 A priest without Christ; and a priest in Christ. Zech. iii.
- 20 Devotion to the ministry pondered beforehand. St. L. xiv. 28.
- 21 "Bring again the outcasts; seek the lost." St. Lu. xv. 20.
- 22 Let me judge myself, that I be not judged. St. Lu. xvi. 2.
- 23 Sanctification of the lives of myself and mine. 2 Th. iii. 9.
- 24 Godly edifying which is in faith, my aim. 1 Tim. i. 4.
- 25 Who both in agony hath seen Him and in glory. St. L. xviii.
- 26 Vanity and love of praise in our holy calling. 1 Tim. iii. 6.
- 27 "Wholly"—would I qualify that word? 1 Tim. iv. 15.
- 28 The elect angels witnesses of our ministry. 1 Tim. v. 21.
- 29 Do I not hear my name, 'O,—guard the deposit?' 1 Tim. vi. 20.
- 30 More for us than against us. 2 Tim. i, 1, 6-9, 12, 14. [ii. 25.
- 31 Meekness needed towards the enemies of the truth. 2 Tim.

November.

- 1 Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. E.
- 2 My "persuasion" and "determination" herein. 2 T. iii. 16, 17.
- 3 The love of the present world, and its end. 2 Tim. iv. 10.
- 4 Conviction of error wrought by statements of truth. Tit. i. 9.
- 5 Not curious in unnecessary matters. Ecclus. iii. 23.
- 6 To visit the sick shall make thee beloved. Ecclus. vii. 35.
- 7 Roughness and pride is the losing of authority. Ecclus x. 21.
- 8 The abiding joy of the Ascension. St. Luke xxiv. 53.
- 9 Consider the Apostle of our profession. Heb. iii. 1.
- 10 Behold, come, follow—this call is to me. S. John i. 36, 39, 43.
- 11 Behaviour in, and for, the house of God. St. John ii. 17.
- 12 A priest's lips should keep knowledge. St. John iii. 10.
- 13 Content to be nothing if Christ be sought. St. John iii. 26.
- 14 The thoughts of the wise how I may be wise. Ecclus. xxxix. 1-10.
- 15 Is the work of God nearest my heart? St. John iv. 34.
- 16 A beautiful picture of a priest by an eye-witness. Ecclus 1.
- 17 A burning and a shining light Am I such? St. John v. 35.
- 18 "Reverently eat and drink" what remains. St. John vi. 12.
- 19 The great power of faith in a Levite of old. Heb. xi. 24-28.
- 20 Do I reject, qualify, or receive my Master's doctrine? S. Jo. vi.
- 21 "A wonder if any ruler in the Church be saved." Heb. xiii. 17.
- 22 Self-abasement on a near vision of God. Is. vi. 5.
- 23 The titles of Christ, a stay to His minister. Is. ix. 6.
- 24 Behold the Pattern of a Pastor! St. John viii. 46.
- 25 The spirit of Christ, for His ambassadors to study. Is. xi. 2, 3.
- 26 Prayer and persuasion still powerful agents. St. J. v. 14-20.
- 27 How great a treasure committed to my charge! 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.
- 28 A faint heart rebuked by the event. S. John. xi. 16, 23, 40.
- 29 Christ an example specially to His own servants. 1 P. ii. 21.
- 30 Watching his Lord, and bringing others to Him. S. Jo. i. xii.

December.

- 1 My advantage over the disciples. Use it well. St. Jo. xii. 16.
- 2 Do holy things after a holy manner. 1 Pet. iv. 11.
- 3 Do I reverently obey my superior clergy ? 1 Pet. v. 5.
- 4 The appropriate work of the aged minister. 2 P. i. 12-15.
- 5 The sin and end of a covetous ministry. 2 Pet. ii. 3.
- 6 The dying preacher's farewell. 2 Pet. iii. 17, 18.
- 7 Declaring what we have handled by faith. 1 S. Jo. i. 1.
- 8 Leave nothing untried in spiritual husbandry. Is. xxxii. 20.
- 9 The fruit of the Intercession of Christ. S. John xvii. 20, 21.
- 10 The glory of the ministration of the Spirit. Is. xxxv.
- 11 How early and how widely were the tares sown ! 1 S. Jo. iv. 1.
- 12 The tenderness of Christ's ministry. Is. xlvi. 3.
- 13 " This miserable and naughty world." 1 St. John v. 19.
- 14 Who shall first attain to know the resurrection ? S. Jo. xx. 4.
- 15 The love of pre-eminence in the Church. 3 St. John 9.
- 16 Ready to drive away erroneous doctrine. St. Jude 3.
- 17 True comfort in barren toil. Is. xlvi. 4.
- 18 " A discreet and learned minister of God's word." Is. 1. 4
- 19 The Lamb is my light, and my salvation. Rev. v. 5.9.
- 20 A Conqueror. Is. lii. 13, 15. liii. 10, 12. Rev. vi. 2. vii. 4.9.
- 21 My Lord and my God. Job xlvi. 5. Is. xxxv. 2. St. John,
- 22 The Gospel message. Is. lv. [xx. 28. xiv. 6.
- 23 The great voices in heaven. Amen. Rev. xi. 15. xii. 10.
- 24 The Redeemer coming to Sion. Is. lix. 20.
- 25 "Who hath learned lowliness from his Lord's cradle." S. L. ii.
- 26 " Patience from his cross." E. Contrast 2. Chr. xxiv. 22.
- 27 The light, the love, the life, that is in God. E.
- 28 Perfection of praise in ministry eternal. E.
- 29 The Lord's remembrancer, for the Church's sake. Is. lxii. 9.
- 30 Let me mention the loving kindness of the Lord. Is. lxiii. 7.
- 31 The future ministry in all nations and tongues. Is. lxvi. 18, 21.

Sundays.

- 1 A. Judgment beginning at the house of God. Gospel.
- 2 Christ's ministry as set forth in the Old Testament. Epistle.
- 3 Christ bearing testimony to His ministers. G.
- 4 His ministers bearing testimony to Christ. G.
- 1 C. The spirit of the New Testament, which I administer. E.
- 2 The effect upon the preacher of communion with Jesus. G.
- 1 E. Must I not be about my Father's business? G.
- 2 Waiting on our ministering, even in company. E. G.
- 3 A soul healed by Christ a testimony unto me. G.
- 4 A ministry in distress, yet not forsaken. G.
- 5 The servant's impatient zeal chastened. G.
- 6 "Behold, I have told you before." Enough for me. G.
- Sep. Is my life one without purpose, and at random? E.
- Sex. Forgetfulness of self in speaking of self. E.
- Qu. Love to pervade the whole tone of my ministry. E.
- A.W. The Litany, as for the people, so also for ourselves. E.
- 1 L. These signs of an Apostle—one by one—have I them? E.
- 2 Dismissal of an earnest spirit, to avoid trouble. G.
- 3 Set to gather with Christ: whom have I brought in? G.
- 4 In our straits our Master knows what he will do. G.
- 5 Honour—from ourselves—from one another—from God. G.
- 6 Humility—Humility—Humility. E. (St. Aug. *Ep.* 56.)
- G.F. The High Priest over the house of God. E.
- E.E. "The doctrine of baptism," fundamental. E.
- E.D. That I may know the power of His resurrection. G.
- 1 The echo of Christ's words heard in my ordination. G.
- 2 A sheep first—else never should I be a shepherd. G.
- 3 I shall know, if I am "desirous to ask Him." G.
- 4 Look to the Spirit for guidance into the truth. G.
- 5 What shall a minister ask for himself? G.

Sundays.

H. T. Patient waiting for the promise of the Father. E.

H.T.S. The witness of preaching ; the witness of suffering. G.
Whit. "Comfort, light, and fire of love." Coll. E. G.

Trin. A Master of Israel, what know I of these things ? G.

- 1 Distrust of the effect of prescribed ministrations. G.
- 2 Pastoral visitation of all classes and conditions. G.
- 3 Search, in the sight of angels, for the lost. G.
- 4 To be as my Master—and what does that imply ? G.
- 5 Failure an argument for renewed energy. G.
- 6 My righteousness to exceed that of the Scribes. G.
- 7 Compassion on them that are out of the way. G.
- 8 His life the test of a teacher's character. G.
- 9 Prudence in heavenly things taught me by the world. G.
- 10 Tears and compassionate yearnings over the lost. G.
- 11 Humility, fearful lest it should presume. E.
- 12 Trust through Christ—essential—but not our own. E.
- 13 "To the disciples privately" is to me, if I have faith. G
- 14 Remission going before the priest's verdict. G.
- 15 Glory in the cross by one who bore its marks. E.
- 16 Special prayer for the flock in time of my own trial. E.
- 17 Appeal strongest, by suffering—what plea have I ? E.
- 18 What graces in my flock can I thank God for ? E.
- 19 The piety of relations of the sick a hopeful sign. G.
- 20 The diverse messages on which Christ's servants are sent. G
- 21 Boldness in speaking the mystery of the Gospel. E.
- 22 Concord with my brethren of the Clergy. G.
- 23 The life, motives, hopes, of a true minister. E.
- 24 A faithful minister of Christ—my dear fellow-servant. E.
- 25 The Bread of life through my hands—what a privilege ! G.

Ember Weeks.

Hear what the Spirit saith. Rev. ii. iii.

SUNDAYS.	{	An open door set before thee. A little strength and yet hast kept My word. I will keep thee from the power of temptation. Hold fast, that no man take thy crown.
Philadelphia.		
Rev. iii. 7-18.		
MONDAYS.	{	Labour, patience, purity, discernment. Somewhat against thee, for leaving thy first love. The state of the Church depends on thy repentance. This thou hast, that thou hatest.
Ephesus.		
Rev. ii. 1-7.		
TUESDAYS.	{	Tribulation, and poverty; yet rich. Blasphemy of hypocrites known. Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer. Faithful unto death and then—a crown of life.
Smyrna.		
Rev. ii. 8-11.		
WEDNESDAYS.	{	I know where thou dwellest. Thou holdest fast My name—My faith. Yet a few things against thee. Repent of thy sins of omission.
Pergamos.		
Rev. iii. 12-17.		
THURSDAYS.	{	The last more than the first. Notwithstanding, a few things against thee. I will put upon you none other burden. That which ye have, hold fast till I come.
Thyatira.		
Rev. ii. 18-29.		
FRIDAYS.	{	A name that thou livest, and art dead. Strengthen the things which remain. Remember how thou hast received and heard. A few names even in Sardis undefiled.
Sardis.		
Rev. iii. 1-6.		
SATURDAYS.	{	Thou art neither cold nor hot. Thou sayest, I am rich—and knowest not. I counsel thee to buy of Me. Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
Laodicea.		
Rev. iii. 14-22		

Postulanda.

Fecisti nos ad Te, et inquietum est cor
nostrum, donec requiescat in Te.

(S. Aug. *Confess.* i. 1.)

Liberty of will is like the motion of a magnetic
needle toward the north, full of trembling and un-
certainty till it be fixed in the beloved point: it wavers
as long as it is free, and is at rest when it can choose
no more.

(Bp. Taylor, *Duct. Dubit.* Book iv. c. 1.)

heads of Prayer.

I. OCCASIONS.

1. On deliberating on the choice of Missionary Life.
2. During Preparation for College.
3. On Commencing Residence in College.
4. On Admission.
5. At the beginning of Term ; or before study.
6. During Medical Course.
7. At the end of Term,
8. On leaving College.
9. During Preparation for Voyage.
10. During the Voyage.
11. On Landing.
12. On Arrival at sphere of Mission.
13. Before Ordination.
14. At Ordination.
15. After Ordination : or at any time.
16. On Institution to a Charge.
17. Before (1) celebrating Divine Offices, (2) preaching, (3) itinerating.
18. During a Journey.
19. On the Consecration of a Church.
20. On opening a School.
21. On change of Mission.
22. On promotion.
23. When laid aside by sickness.
24. In perplexities.
25. In persecution and affliction.
26. In loneliness of spirit.
27. At the Close of Life.
28. In prospect of Martyrdom.

Deeds of Prayer.

IV. (INTERCESSORY.) PLACES.

1. Birthplace.
2. Place of Education.
3. Place of Abode.
4. Sphere of Mission.
5. England.
6. The Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire.
7. The Isles of the Sea.
8. Heathen countries.

Longer forms and Offices.

1. Lord's Prayer Paraphrased.
2. Missionary Bidding Prayer.
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7. For the use of the Authorities.
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11. Form of Commemoration of Benefactors.
12. Memorial of Late Students.
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14. Missionaries' Office.
15. Litany for Family use.
16. Office for Family use.

Postulanda I.

1. *On deliberating on the choice of Missionary Life.*

O FATHER, I look up to Thee for wisdom. I ask direction and guidance of Thee. I beseech Thee to enable me to discern Thy will; let me not be led aside by pride, self-conceit, or vanity; let me not be influenced by fickleness of disposition, austerity, or discontent at Thy appointments, but O grant unto me a desire to know and to do Thy will, through Jesus Christ.

O my God, who knowest my heart, Thou knowest that, if it be Thy will, I am ready to go, to proclaim the Name of Jesus in distant lands; nay, that I should receive this as Thy richest grace towards me; Thou knowest all my longings for this, all my watchings for the leadings of thy providence in this, all my lookings-out for this; yet will I set me upon my watch-tower for this.

I would commit all my way unto Thee, who knowest every difficulty, and canst foresee every result. May I so live that thy will may be done by me, and Thy Name glorified in me, according to every talent given me, and every opportunity afforded me, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

REV. EDW. BICKERSTETH.

Postulanda I.

Or this :

BLESSED Lord, if it be Thy will that I should become a preacher in foreign parts or among the heathen, to the people scattered over the globe who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, endue me, I beseech Thee, with a portion of the indefatigable zeal of Thine Apostle Paul, that I may not be deterred by all the horrors of earth and sea, nor by the fear of persecution or death, but that I may manfully fight under the banner of the Cross for the establishment of the true faith: and this I beg in the Name and through the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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2. *During Preparation for College.*

O most gracious Father, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon me, who earnestly desire to obtain Thy mercy, and to convey Thy grace to the souls of others. I know, O Lord, that Thou searchest the very heart and reins. My faults, which are without number, and like unto scarlet, are all known unto Thee. O Lord, as far as I may be able to bear it, shew my inmost self unto me, that I may come to Thee for Thy promised mercy and healing. Do away my crimes, O Lord! Blot them from the dreadful Book of Remembrance! Let them not be mentioned

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against me at the great day to my destruction ! And if there be in my body, or mind, or estate, any impediment which can hinder me in my great and glorious work, make me aware of it before it be too late, and before I go forth to obstruct the purpose of the Lord. But if, after a careful search with the "candle of the Lord," I see my way hopefully, accept me, such as I am, in Christ Thy Son, and make me in Him what Thou wouldest have me to be, that I may henceforth run the way of Thy commandments and glorify Thy name, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REV. J. H. PINDER.

3. *On commencing Residence in College.*

O LORD my God, give ear unto my prayer, and let Thy mercy hearken unto my desire: because it is anxious not for myself alone, but would serve brotherly charity; and Thou seest my heart, that so it is. I would sacrifice to Thee the service of my thought and tongue; do Thou give me, what I may offer Thee. For I am poor and needy, Thou rich to all that call upon Thee. Circumcise from all rashness and all lying both my inward and outward lips: let Thy Scriptures be my pure delights: let me not be deceived in them, nor deceive others from them. The day is Thine, and the night is Thine: at Thy beck the moments flee by. Grant thereof a space for my meditations in the hidden things of Thy law. Lord, have mercy on me, and hear my desire. For

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it is not, I deem, of the earth, not of gold, and silver, and precious stones, or gorgeous apparel, or honours and offices, or the pleasures of the flesh, or necessaries for the body and for this life of our pilgrimage; all which shall be added unto those that seek Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness. Behold, wherein is my desire. And be it pleasing in the sight of Thy mercy, that I may find grace before Thee, that the inward parts of Thy words be opened to me. I beseech Thee by our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

ST. AUGUSTINE.

Or this :

O GOD, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired should be sought by labour, and who by Thy blessing bringest honest labour to good effect, look with mercy upon my studies and endeavours. Grant me, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit, to design that which is lawful and right; enable me so to shun sloth and negligence, that every day may discharge part of the task which Thou hast allotted me; and so further with Thy help that labour, which without Thy help must be ineffectual, that I may obtain in mine undertaking such success as will most promote Thy glory, and the salvation of my own soul, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

DR. JOHNSON.

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4. *On Admission.*

O God of providence and grace, whose divine power giveth me all things that pertain unto life and godliness; I render hearty thanks unto Thee for this token of Thy unmerited goodness that I have been admitted Student of this College "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Enable me, I beseech Thee, to keep the solemn promise and declaration which I have made in Thy presence, and in the presence of my brethren. Grant that I may always conform to the rules of this College, obey those that are set over me in all things in the Lord, and diligently pursue the studies appointed me. And if it shall be Thy good pleasure, O Lord, maintain within me that deliberate intention which I have declared, to devote myself with all the powers of mind and body which in Thy goodness Thou hast given me, to Thy service, in the ministry of Thy Church in the distant dependencies of the British Empire. O fashion my heart after Thy will, that I may be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for Thy use, and prepared unto every good work. I ask all in the Name and and through the mediation of my Divine Master and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

M. B.

5. *At the beginning of Term; or before Study.*

To God the Father, God the Word, God the Spirit, we pour forth most humble and hearty supplications, that He remembering the calamities of mankind, and

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the pilgrimage of this our life, in which we wear out days few and evil, would please to open to us new refreshments out of the fountain of His goodness, for the alleviating of our miseries. This also we humbly and earnestly beg, that human things may not prejudice such as are divine; neither that from the unlocking of the gates of sense, and the kindling of a greater natural light, anything of incredulity, or intellectual night, may arise in our minds towards Divine mysteries. But rather, that by our mind thoroughly cleansed and purged from fancy and vanities, and yet subject and perfectly given up to the divine oracles, there may be given unto faith the things that are faith's. Amen.

FRANCIS BACON.

Or this:

O God, the Fountain of all wisdom, in a deep sense of my own ignorance, and of that great charge which lies upon me, I am constrained to come often before Thee, from whom I have learned whatever I know, to ask that help without which I shall disquiet myself in vain; most humbly beseeching Thee to guide me with Thine eye, to enlighten my mind, that I may see myself, and teach others the wonders of Thy law; that I may learn from Thee what I ought to speak and think concerning Thee. Direct and bless all the labours of my mind, give me a discerning spirit, a sound judgment, and an honest and religious heart. And grant that, in all my studies, my first aim may

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be to set forth Thy glory, and to set forward the salvation of mankind; that I may give a comfortable account of my time at the great day, when all our labours shall be tried.

And if Thou art pleased that by my ministry sinners shall be converted, and Thy kingdom enlarged, give me the grace of humility, that I may never ascribe the success to myself, but to Thy Holy Spirit, which enables me to will and to do according to Thy good pleasure. Grant this, O Father of all light and truth, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this:

O LORD, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus and to Thy glory, give Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to this our daily work, that we may do it in faith, and heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men. All our powers of body and mind are Thine, and we would fain devote them to Thy service. Sanctify them and the work in which they are engaged; let us not be slothful, but fervent in spirit, and do Thou, O Lord, so bless our efforts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of true wisdom. Strengthen the faculties of our minds and dispose us to exert them, but let us always remember to exert them for Thy glory, and for the furtherance of Thy kingdom, and save us from all pride, and vanity, and reliance upon our own power or wisdom. Teach us to seek after truth and enable

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us to gain it; but grant that we may ever speak the truth in love:—that while we know earthly things, we may know Thee, and be known by Thee, through and in Thy Son Jesus Christ. Give us this day Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be Thine in body and spirit in all our work and all our refreshments, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

REV. DR. ARNOLD.

Or this:

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, enlighten my mind, that I may be able to see, and thus be qualified to show unto others, the wonders of Thy Divine Truth. Give me a spirit of diligence in studying and in meditating on Thy Holy Word, and in gathering from the writings of Thy faithful servants such wisdom and knowledge, as shall render me a scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven. Above all, enable me to set my affection on things above, and to have my daily conversation in heaven, while labouring in my appointed vocation upon earth. Magnify Thy mercy in dealing with my soul, that I may give myself wholly to Thy service, so that if I shall be admitted to any holy function, I may exercise my ministry to Thy glory, and to the edifying of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REV. J. H. PINDER.

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6. During Medical Course in College.

(1.) For the gift of Wisdom.

O LORD GOD, Maker of heaven and earth, in Thee do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion. It is indeed great praise to acquire the knowledge of many things, and to understand their causes, properties, and uses; but it is, and always will be, greater praise in these very things to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. For Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; nor can the course of our studies be any thing else, than the exercise of knowing and adoring Thine infinite wisdom, goodness, and mercy. So will our study of medicine long after Thee, O God, so will it celebrate Thee, and so will it become pleasing to Thee, sacred to the Church, and a holy song of praise to Thee. Thou art my God, do not depart from me; fill me not only with medical knowledge, but also with true wisdom, that in the works of nature, and of art, I may recognise, embrace, and reverence Thy power. Help me, and I shall be whole, and will always meditate on Thy judgments. Turn from me all those vain uses of the art of healing, which the world applies to further vice, or luxury, or the love of gain. For Thou, Lord, art good, and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.

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(2.) *On Entering the Hospital.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast caused this house to be built for Thy praise : Grant that I may not defile it by any evil thought, or word, or deed. Make me thankful, I pray Thee, for the means of learning the duties of my calling which Thou hast given me here, and diligent in the use of them ; and fill me also, O Lord, with kindness and gentleness towards the sick; for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.

(3.) *When Going from the Hospital.*

O LORD, I praise Thy glorious name for the mercies which Thou hast here vouchsafed to our afflicted brethren in Christ. Grant, I beseech Thee, that the sufferings which we have seen, may make us think more of others, and less of ourselves ; and so teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may be prepared for our latter end ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM PRAYERS FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

7. *At the End of Term.*

O LORD, my Lord, I bless Thee,
for my being, life, reason,
for nurture, protection, guidance,
for education, civil rights, religion,
for Thy gifts of grace, nature, fortune,
for redemption, regeneration, catechising,
for my call, recall, yea, many calls besides;



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for Thy forbearance, long-suffering,
long long-suffering to me-ward,
many seasons, many years, up to this time;
for all good things received, successes granted me,
good things done;
for the use of things present,
for Thy promise, and my hope
of the enjoyment of good things to come;
for my parents honest and good,
teachers kind,
benefactors [especially —] never to be forgotten,
religious intimates congenial,
friends sincere.
for all who have advantaged me
by writings, homilies, converse,
prayers, patterns, rebukes, injuries;
for all these, and all others
which I know, which I know not,
open, hidden, remembered, forgotten,
done when I wished, when I wished not,
I confess to Thee and will confess,
I bless Thee and will bless,
I give thanks to Thee and will give thanks,
all the days of my life.
What reward shall I give unto the Lord
for all the benefits which he hath done unto me?
What thanks can I recompense unto God,
for all He hath spared and borne with me until now?
Holy, Holy, Holy,
worthy art Thou,

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O Lord and our God, the Holy One,
to receive the glory, and the honour, and the power,
for Thou hast made all things,
and for Thy pleasure they are,
and were created.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

8. *On Leaving College.*

GRANT me the power and opportunity of doing good, that before the day of my departure hence, I may achieve at least some useful work, the fruit of which may abide; so that I may be able to appear in justice, and to be filled with glory.

And grant unto me a happy end, which is the greatest blessing of all: a happy and a holy end of this life, a glorious and a joyful resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ANDREWES.

Or this :

IN Thy strength, O Lord God, I now go forth. O, prepare a people for Thyself, and render me the instrument of gathering them into Thy fold! Keep me by Thy mighty power in body and soul; and enlarge my heart that I may delight in Thy will, and be ready to spend all my time and labour in Thy service. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

9. *During Preparation for Voyage.*

BLESSED be God, that though anxious in mind, I have no desire to draw back from the work. O may I be found but faithful! Lord, strengthen and sup-

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port me in the work. Give what Thou commandest, and then command what Thou wilt: let thy will be done in me, and by me; and in life and death let me be Thine, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, and my beloved Saviour. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

Or this :

In the review of the past, O what reason have I to adore the Divine mercy! I have taken leave of my dear friends, most likely for ever in this world. O that they may walk in the truth; and may each among them become a Christian, not in name only, but in deed and in truth! I would dedicate every faculty of my soul and body to my redeeming God. Lord, accept me, working in me that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom with Thy blessed Spirit, Three Persons in one Jehovah, be all glory, and honour, and praise, now and for evermore. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

10. *During the Voyage.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone commandest the winds and the seas, and they obey Thy voice, mercifully hear our prayers, and deliver us from the dangers of the seas and from all sad accidents. We are not able to save ourselves from the least misfortune to which we are liable; to Thy favour and protection we commend ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that belongs to us. Lord, pardon our sins, avert the judgments which we justly deserve, prosper us in the

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way we go, bring us to our haven in peace, and grant that we may at last come to the land of eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who art the protector of all that trust in Thee, who art alike present in every place to hear the prayers of such as fear Thee and call upon Thy Name; in a firm belief of this comfortable truth, we cheerfully commit ourselves to Thy favour and care, beseeching Thee to pardon our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Thy judgments from falling upon us, to preserve us from the dangers of the seas, and from every sudden accident.

And that our prayers may be more acceptable to the divine Majesty, we most humbly present them, together with the devout prayers of His holy Church, "for all who travel by land or by water."

Grant, O Lord, that we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that we may at last come to the land of eternal life.

In the mean time we commit ourselves, our souls and bodies, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a merciful Creator, who best knows when it is most fit to call us out of this world. Only this we beseech God for Christ's sake to grant, that our sins may be done away by His mercy, and our pardon sealed in heaven, before we go hence and be no more seen.

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

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11. *On Landing.*

BLESSED be God for His mercies vouchsafed unto us in delivering us from the dangers of the seas and from all sad accidents. The good Lord make us ever mindful of His favours and thankful for them, that in all our necessities we may look unto Him for help, from whom cometh our salvation, that we may ever faithfully depend upon His power and goodness, and praise His holy Name for the blessings we every day receive at His hands.

O God, grant that we who have been preserved by Thee, may shew forth our thankfulness for the same by leading holy and Christian lives, and serving Thee faithfully the remainder of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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Or this :

ACCEPT, O blessed Lord, my hearty thanks for the protection which Thou hast vouchsafed to me and mine during a long [and dangerous] voyage.

Extend to us, I beseech Thee, Thy fatherly protection and love in the land where we now dwell, and among the perils to which we are now liable. Give us health, strength, and favour in the eyes of those around us; give us so much of this world's good as Thou knowest to be good for us; and be pleased to give us grace to love Thee truly, and constantly to praise and bless Thee, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

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12. *On Arrival at sphere of Mission.*

IT is Thou, O my God, who hast conducted me to these parts; I have not run hither of my own accord, but would rather have declined the call, if Thy unseen hand had not retained me. O therefore help, and bestow upon me all necessary wisdom, grace, and strength, for this office!

REV. C. F. SCHWARTZ.

Or this :

• O LORD, at the thought of the blessings which I have left behind in my native land, and of the trials which await me here, my spirit fails within me. I am bowed down with a sense of my unfitness to encounter any of these obstacles, [a sickly climate, a burning soil, a heathen population]. Yet have I not freely chosen this undertaking? And hast Thou not power to bring me through? And art Thou not Sovereign of [Asia] as well as of [Europe]? And art Thou not ready to save here, as there? O my foolish, unbelieving heart! I see the truth of these things; yet unbelief prevents me from taking the comfort of them. O Lord, work faith in my heart; and enable me to glorify Thee by a firm reliance in Thy promise, that Thou wilt not leave me, but wilt make me more than conqueror through Him that loved me, even Jesus Christ Thy Son; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be glory for ever. Amen.

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13. *Before Ordination.*

O ALMIGHTY God and Father, who hast constituted the various orders of Angels and Archangels in a wonderful manner, as ministers of Thy grace, and didst appoint Levites to be helpers to the Priests, under the Law, give grace unto Thy servant to look unto Thee for all needful strength and guidance, in this dread hour of receiving such a commission at Thy hands. O teach me what a solemn work it is, to be employed in bringing back souls unto the Lord. Inspire me with a spirit of prayer. Make me full of the Holy Ghost, and of wisdom for this necessary work. Humble me, more and more, under a sense of my great unworthiness of so great an honour. And when the great day is come that I must give in my account, may the mercy of God be extended unto me, for the sake of our great and compassionate High Priest, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REV. J. H. PINDER.

Or this :

Most gracious God, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church, vouchsafe Thy blessing to Thine unworthy servant now seeking the Office of a Deacon in Christ's Church. Let Thy fatherly hand rest upon me, enabling me to receive my sacred commission with all humility, but with a lively faith in the presence and power of Thy

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ministrations. Grant unto me fervour and reverence in offering the prayers of the congregation ; faith and humiliation in celebrating Thy Holy Sacraments ; zeal, and love, and wisdom in preaching Thy Word ; faithfulness in admonishing ; tenderness in exhorting ; bowels of mercies in comforting the poor and afflicted. Set before me the speedy coming of the Judge, that I may not be unmindful of the value of time, but be studious, and self-denying ; and the more my difficulties thicken, the more may my courage increase. And finally, though the salvation of my own single soul be a work of infinite magnitude, and needing all my care, may I be blessed in beholding at the great day some one, at least, to whom Thy Word hath not been spoken by my mouth in vain ; and that we may, as the redeemed, rejoice together for ever in Christ Jesus. Amen.

REV. J. H. PINDER. ▶

Or this :

A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER.

On Thy efficacious prayer (St. John xvii. 20), O Jesus, I depend for success in this my undertaking and ministry. To this prayer we all owe our faith and conversion. In a grateful sense of which, I beseech Thee, O Lord, to make me an instrument of propagating Thy Gospel, and of converting others, and of fulfilling Thy Father's will, who would have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of *the truth*.

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Teach me, O Lord, by Thy Spirit, Thy Word, and Thy example, how I ought to teach others: and, by Thy preventing grace, prepare them for instruction; give them a great concern and fear for themselves, that, feeling their own misery, they may seek for help, and thankfully accept it, when offered to them.

On Thy Almighty grace, O Lord, I rely for success in all my labours and ministry, and for a zeal both prudent and fervent to promote Thy glory, the interest of Thy kingdom, and the good of souls, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

16. *On Institution to a Charge.*

In an humble and thankful sense of Thy great goodness to a very sinful, and very unworthy creature, I look up to Thee, O gracious Lord and Benefactor, who from a low obscurity hast called me to this high office, for grace and strength to fit me for it. What am I or what is my father's house, that Thou shouldest vouchsafe us such instances of Thy notice and favour? "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant."

O God, grant that by a diligent and conscientious discharge of my duty, I may profit those over whom I am appointed Thy minister, that I may make such a return as shall be acceptable to Thee. Give me such a measure of Thy Holy Spirit as shall be sufficient to support me under, and lead me through

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Or this :

O Most glorious Lord God, I acknowledge that I am unworthy that I should serve under Thy roof ; yet be graciously pleased to accept the dedication of myself to Thy service in this parish, and to prosper all my undertakings. Fill me with an awful dread of Thy Divine Majesty, and with a deep sense of my unworthiness ; that approaching Thy Sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, with clean thoughts and a pure heart, I may always perform a service acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Enable me, O Lord, both by my life and doctrine, to set forth Thy holy Word, and rightly and duly to administer Thy holy Sacraments. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace ; and especially to those who are here placed under my ministry, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, and that they, and all who profess and call themselves Christians, may hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life, and may be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

BISHOP MEDLEY.

17. (1) *Before Celebrating Divine Offices.*

Be present, O Lord, to our supplications ; and graciously hearken unto me, who am the first to need Thy mercy ; and as Thou hast made me the minister of

¹ Compare the American "Office of Institution,"

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this work, not by choosing me on account of merit, but by the gift of Thy grace, so give me confidence to perform Thine office, and do Thou Thyself by our ministration carry out the act of Thine own loving-kindness ; through our Lord. Amen.

GELASIAN.¹

Or this :

O GOD, the Fountain of goodness, and Source of kindness, who dost not straightway condemn the sinne; but compassionately waitest for his repentance ; I beseech Thee to wipe away the foulness of my offences, and make me meet to perform the office laid upon me ; and that I who have unworthily undertaken, and tremblingly execute, the ministration of Thine altar, may be rendered strong to perform it, and befound justified among those who have pleased Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREGORIAN.

Or this :

O THOU true High Priest, who didst offer Thyself to God the Father a pure and spotless victim on the altar of the Cross for us miserable sinners, I beseech Thee by Thy precious Blood, the great price of our salvation ; I beseech Thee by that wonderful and unspeakable love, whereby Thou didst so condescend to low us miserable and unworthy as to wash us from

1 Referring to Absolution.

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our sins in Thy blood; teach me Thy unworthy servant, whom, in addition to all Thy other gifts, Thou hast vouchsafed to call to the office of the priesthood through no merits of mine, but by the special choice of Thy mercy; teach me, I beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, to engage in this office with such reverence and honour, devotion and fear, as is right and meet. Cleanse my heart from all impure and wicked, vain and hurtful thoughts. Make me by Thy grace worthily to believe and conceive of Thy holy mysteries, and to speak and think what is pleasing to Thee, and is profitable to my soul. I pray Thee, O Lord, of Thy clemency, to look with favour upon Thy family, now ready to enter upon this ofice in honour of Thy Holy Name; and, that the deire of none be fruitless, the prayer of none void, do Thou suggest to us those petitions, which Thou vilt be pleased to hear with favour.

I humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, regard Thy appointed ministry, and pity me the unworthy minister. What in me is contrary to my holy calling, remove in mercy from me; fit me for Thy sacred servie, and make me a worthy minister to Thee; and grant that in this holy office I may ask those things which are pleasing to Thee, and whatever I ask, of Thy nost gracious mercy, O Lord, I may receive. To Thee be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

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Or this :

O LORD, open Thou my lips to bless Thy Name ; cleanse also my heart from all vain, perverse, and distracting thoughts ; enlighten my understanding, inflame my affections, that I may be enabled worthily, attentively, and devoutly to go through this Office, and be heard therein in the presence of Thy Divine Majesty ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THESE. PATRUM.

17. (2) *Before Preaching.*

O LORD, I beseech and humbly entreat Thee, give me always a humble knowledge, which may edify ; give me mild and wise power of speaking, which knows not to be puffed up, or to be elated above the brethren by its own excellence. Put, I pray Thee, into my mouth the word of consolation, and edification, and exhortation, by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be able to exhort those that are good to still better things, and those, who walk perversely, to recover by word and example to the straight line of Thy righteousness. Let the words which Thou shalt give to Thy servant be as sharp goads, and as burning arrows, which may penetrate and inflame the minds of the hearers to the fear and love of Thee. Amen.

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17. (3) *Before Itinerating.*

Almighty and everpresent God, who in Thy gracious Providence hast given this Mission into my spiritual charge, bless and guide me, I beseech Thee, in my journeyings throughout the same; that Thou mayest make Thyself a mansion in the hearts of those whose dwelling I approach; that when I in humility draw nigh, the evil spirits may flee away, and the Angel of peace may enter in. Grant that, by my words and counsels, I may, through Thy mercy, bring back the erring into the way of righteousness. Loose the string of my tongue, that I may speak plain to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, and may find favour in the sight of those who shall gather round me to hear my message. O teach me in that same hour, by Thy Holy Spirit, what I ought to say; and open the deaf ears, that they may learn to their profit the words which belong unto eternal life.

Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day. Give thy angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways, that I may return in safety, and give Thee thanks and praise in Thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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18. *During a Journey.*

O God be with me in this my pilgrimage! The more I am deprived of earthly friends, do Thou draw nearer unto me, and incline my soul the more by Thy grace, to rest on Thee. Keep me from trifling pursuits, from neglect of customary duties, from forgetfulness of my calling and of Thee. Keep me from vanity and worldly care. Occupy my soul with thoughts of Thy Name, and with the appropriate pursuits of my profession. Make me frequent and earnest in prayer and the study of Thy word. And grant, if it be Thy pleasure, that my present journey may be to the good of Thy Church, and the increase and furtherance of Thy glorious kingdom!

Grant a continuance of Thy mighty protection to myself [and——] and bring us by our several ways to meet in safety and prosperity. But teach us above all things to trust in Thee, and to acquiesce in Thy wise disposal; granting us in this world a knowledge and love of Thy Name, and in the world to come, Thy mercy, through Thy Son our Saviour. Amen.

BISHOP HEBER.

19. *On the Consecration of a Church.*

BE merciful unto us, O God, and hear our prayer, that we make before Thee in this place. And often as we, from henceforth, shall assemble here, let Thy Spirit awaken our hearts to seek Thy face sincerely,

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without hypocrisy. As often as we shall hear Thy word, let us do it with an unfeigned intention to obey and keep it without exception. As often as Thy testimonies are administered in this house, O be pleased to make them effectual to the Salvation of our souls. And finally, when strangers, who do not know Thy name, hear of all the glorious doctrines and methods of worshipping Thee, preached in this house; incline, O mercifully incline, their hearts to renounce their abominable idolatry, and to worship Thee, O God, in the name of Christ!

Bless all those who have forwarded the building of this house, by kind advices, or charitable contributions. Remember them in mercy, during the days of their life, and particularly at the hour of their death. Let them see, at the day of judgment, that their charity has been serviceable to the benefit of many souls.

Frustate all the machinations of the devil against this house; preserve it from all dangerous accidents; and hear these our supplications, O Father of mercies, for the sake of our Mediator, and to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

REV. C. F. SCHWARTZ.

20. *On Opening a School.*¹

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, we yield Thee humble

¹ For the rarer occasion of opening a Missionary College or Institution, see Forms in Bishop Middleton's Life, Vol. II. p. 400, and *Memoir of Rev. Josiah Pratt*, p. 437.

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thanks for Thy rich mercies vouchsafed to our nation ; for the temporal prosperity which Thou hast entrus'ed to us : and more particularly for the safety and influence which we here enjoy in a foreign land. We bless Thee for all the great and goodly gifts of human wisdom and science, and for the many advantages and blessings which wait on civilization. But above all, we bless Thee for the knowledge of Thyself, Thy mercy and great salvation ; for the means of grace here bestowed, and the everlasting happiness which, through the merits of Thy Son, Thou hast prepared and held out to us hereafter. Make us duly and unfeignedly thankful, O gracious Lord, for these Thine undeserved mercies ; and bless to us, our posterity, our countrymen, our fellow subjects, and the whole race of mankind, the charitable desire which we now entertain of communicating the like advantages to others. Let Thy mighty protection rest on the building which we would now dedicate to Thee. Let Thy fatherly blessing remain with all who may hereafter either teach or learn within these walls. That from hence, as from a fountain of useful and holy knowledge, the generations to come may learn to serve and please Thee ; and that we ourselves, Thy sinful servants, may enjoy through Thy grace the work of our hands ; and, by beholding the effect of those truths which we impart, may be the better taught to value those which have been imparted to us ; so that our conversation in this world may be a living lesson, and every word and work and thought be

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devoted to Thy praise and glory, through Thy Son
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

* BISHOP HEBER.

19. *On Change of Mission.*

GIVE me, blessed Jesus, new faithfulness, new zeal, new strength, and new blessings in my work in this vineyard wherein Thou hast called me to labour. My comfort under all my own infirmities and weaknesses, and under all the difficulties and trials of my pilgrim way is, that Thou will never leave me nor forsake me. My soul cleaveth unto Thee. Thou hast loved me first, and Thy love constraineth me to live and, if called on, to die for Thee. Be to my soul more and more precious,—more and more glorious,—more and more dear; preserve me to Thy heavenly kingdom, and grant me at last a joyful entrance therein. Amen.

REV. J. J. WEITBRECHT.

Or this :

MY God, Thou knowest what is best for Thy sinful creatures. Have mercy upon the parish I now leave; pour Thy blessing upon all in it; mercifully forgive my many failings there; what of evil I have done there, blot out of their minds who knew it; what of good, graft in it. Pardon me, my God, those sins for which thou didst afflict me, and grant that I may not fall into them again; accept my imperfect repentance,

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Oh, would that it were deeper and fuller! Watch over those souls there who are dear to me, pardon me that I love some more than others, seeing all are my sheep.

Preserve those dear children I have daily taught, watched over, and counselled; preserve them in the purity and holiness of their minds. What of evil I have taught them, blot it out; what of good, graft it in, that it may bear abundant fruit. Into Thy hands I commend all sick and afflicted, bed-ridden and wearied with old age, rich and poor, masters and servants, and little children. Into Thy hands, O my God, I commend them all. Forgive, I beseech Thee, O forgive my many sins against them—my neglecting to warn, to beseech, to rebuke, to exhort—the ill example I have set them: forgive me all my sins against them, and grant that in the day in which I must stand before Thy judgment seat, to give account for those souls committed to my charge, I may be forgiven; and my many sins against Thee and against them be blotted out of Thy book, for the merits of the chief Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, make me remember, how much more than other men I have need to call upon Thee. My charge is great and my strength little; give me grace to come often before Thee, and to ask that help which Thou art readier to give than I to ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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22. *On Promotion.*

New duties now await me, and the prospect often oppresses me, lest I fail. Keep Thy servant from presumptuous sins, and enable me to walk humbly with Thee. Let no elation, on account of outward circumstances, find place in me; nor depression, on account of conscious inefficiency, prevail to hinder me from doing what I can. May I be enabled to order all those who are dependent on me in a becoming manner. Prepare my ways, O Lord, with all that are in authority; and enable me to act in all things as the servant of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

23. *When laid aside by Sickness.*

O LORD, give me grace to be submissive to Thine appointment! I know not what is best. Thou, Lord, well knowest. O direct, control, and support my soul! Though my services have been mixed with sinful motives, yet the furtherance of Thy gospel, I trust, has been my chief aim; and now, not having wasted my health in self-pleasing, I am seeking a renewal of my strength. If it please Thee to restore me, I intend no other thing than to serve Thee in the gospel of Thy Son. To Thy service I devote my body, O blessed Saviour, to know nothing, and follow after nothing, but the law of my Lord Jesus Christ, and the diffusion of His blessed truth. O Lord, my

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life is in Thy hands, and Thine are all my ways ;
and in the practice of these words I desire to live
and die. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

24. *In Perplexities.*

O God of light, and truth, and goodness, may
Thy Holy Spirit direct me in this (to me) perplexing
case. Let me faithfully consider what shall be
required of me, that I may see my duty, and avoid
the paths of error and danger. Let nothing seduce
me from a settled purpose of doing what I believe
will be most acceptable to Thee. And grant that I
may omit nothing that I ought to do in order to be
rightly informed.

Direct me, gracious God, in this difficult time, that
I may neither speak nor act anything unbecoming
my character ; that I may never prostitute my con-
science for any worldly consideration whatever.
Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

25. *In Persecution and Affliction.*

O JESU, who hast known what troubles and
sorrows are, have compassion upon me in my trouble.
Thou who wast despised and rejected of men ;
whose life was sought for by Herod ; who wast
tempted by the devil ; who wast hated by the world
which Thou camest to save, and set at nought by
Thine own people ; who wast called a deceiver and

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a dealer with the devil ; who wast driven from place to place, and hadst not where to lay Thy head ; who wast betrayed by one disciple, and forsaken by all the rest ; wast falsely accused, spitted on, and scourged ; set at nought by Herod and his men of war ; given up by Pilate to the will of the Jews ; hadst a murderer preferred before Thee ; wast condemned to a most shameful death ; crucified betwixt two thieves ; reviled by those that passed by ; hadst gall and vinegar given to thee to drink ; and suffered a most bitter death, submitting with patience to the will of Thy Father ;—

O Jesu, who now sittest at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer for righteousness' sake ; be Thou my Advocate with God for grace, that, in all my sufferings, I may follow Thy example, and be supported under all the difficulties and discouragements with which God shall see fit to exercise the patience and fidelity of His poor servant. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

26. *In Loneliness of Spirit.*

ALL praise, honour, and glory be to Thee, O Lord my Redeemer, who with Thy sacred Body grievously afflicted, and Thy head crowned with thorns, didst profess Thyself destitute of all consolation. Grant that in my sorrow and desolation of spirit, I may flee to Thee, most holy Saviour, with firm faith ; and wholly distrusting myself may believe and hope in Thee alone, and resign myself wholly to Thee.

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Impress upon my inmost soul, O Lord, the memory of Thy wounds, imprint them on my heart, and cleanse my soul with Thy most precious Blood, and so draw me after Thee, that I may seek, find, and possess Thee as my portion for ever. Amen.

B. B.

27. *At the Close of Life.*

O LORD, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, as Thou hast said. O remember that Thou hast made me out of a clod of earth. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight no flesh living can be justified. Remember me, O Thou who art alone without sin. Christ, Saviour of the world ! deliver me from the body of this death, and redeem me to Thy heavenly kingdom. Thou hast always been my protector ; into Thy hands I commend my spirit. I know that I do not deserve to behold Thy face. Yet Thou knowest that my hope has always been placed in Thy mercy, and that I firmly abide in Thy faith, and with my last breath confess Thy Name. Receive me, therefore, of Thy great mercy, and let not my hope be brought to shame. Let Thy gracious hand protect me and lead me to the place of rest, the final habitation which Thou hast prepared for Thy servants and for those who fear Thee. Amen.

ST. ELIGIUS.

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28. *In Prospect of Martyrdom.*

O LORD God Almighty, the Father of Thy beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have attained the knowledge of Thee ; the God of Angels and principalities, and of every creature, and of all the just that live in Thy sight ! I bless Thee that Thou hast thought me worthy of this day and this hour ; that I should have a part in the number of Thy Martyrs, in the cup of Thy Christ, for the resurrection to eternal life both of soul and body, in the incorruption of the Holy Ghost ; among whom may I be accepted before Thee this day, in being made a sacrifice well-savour'd and acceptable, as Thou, the faithful, the true God, hast ordained, promised, and now fulfilled. For this and for all things I praise Thee, I bless Thee, I glorify Thee, and the eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, by whom, and with whom, in the Holy Spirit, be glory to Thee both now and for ever. Amen.

ST. POLYCARP.

Or this :

LORD, Thou art a gracious God and a merciful Redeemer. Have mercy, therefore, upon me, most miserable and wretched offender, after Thy great mercy, and according to Thine inestimable goodness. Thou art ascended into heaven ; receive me to be partaker of Thy joys, where thou sittest in equal glory with Thy Father. For well thou knowest, Lord, wherefore I am come hither to suffer, and why

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the wicked do persecute this Thy poor servant: not for my sins and transgressions committed against Thee, but because I will not allow their wicked doings, to the contaminating of Thy blood, and to the denial of the knowledge of Thy truth, wherewith it did please Thee by Thy holy Spirit to instruct me: the which, with as much diligence as a poor wretch might, being thereto called, I have set forth to Thy glory. And well seest Thou, my Lord and God, what terrible pains and cruel torments are prepared for Thy creature; such, Lord, as without Thy strength none is able to bear or patiently to pass. But all things that are impossible with man, are possible with Thee. Therefore strengthen me of Thy goodness, that in the fire I break not the rule of patience; or else assuage the terror of the pains, as shall seem most to Thy glory. Amen.

BISHOP HOOVER.

Or this:

LORD, make me remember the bones of Thy Saints, how they lie scattered before the pit, even as when one heweth wood upon the earth. O Lord, mine eyes look unto Thee, in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul. And if my bones must also be broken, O Lord, I beseech Thee, give me courage and abundance of patience, that no torment may make my faith fall away from Thee, for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

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1. *For Christian Graces, and the fruits of the Spirit.*

Give me, O Lord, purity of lips, a clean and innocent heart, and rectitude of action. Give me humility, patience, abstinence, chastity, prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance. Give me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and godliness, and of Thy fear. Make me ever to seek Thy face with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind; grant me to have a contrite and humbled heart in Thy presence—to prefer nothing to Thy love. Most high, eternal, and ineffable Wisdom, drive away from me the darkness of blindness and ignorance; most high and eternal Strength, deliver me; most high and eternal Fortitude, assist me; most high and incomprehensible Light, illuminate me; most high and infinite Mercy, have mercy on me. Amen.

GALLICAN.

Or this:

O THOU Fountain and Source, Giver and Preserver of all Virtues, O God, increase in me, I beseech Thee, true faith, unshaken hope, perfect charity, profound humility, patience most invincible, perpetual chastity both of body and mind. Give Thou to me wisdom,

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righteousness, fortitude, and temperance. discretion in all things, and senses very wakeful, that I may be able wisely to discern between good and evil, between the right hand and the left. Make thou me rich in Thy holy virtues, that by them I may serve Thee, through them please Thee in truth, for a lover of their beauty have I been made through Thy grace. Give me them for the honour and glory of Thy name, join Thou them to my faith, that they may be its inseparable companions through the whole time of my life; wherefore, I beseech Thee, make me, by Thy grace, ever both steadfast in faith, and profitable in every good work; that Thy faith, which my tongue speaketh and the writings of my hand testify, an acceptable life by good habits may confess.

O Thou Shepherd and Ruler of all, Christ my God, who for no merits of mine own, but of the sole vouchsafement of Thy mercy, hast called my littleness to this pastoral office, for Thy own sake and for Thy Name's sake make me fit for this ministry, and that I may wisely rule Thine House, and in all things be able to feed Thy flock according to Thy will. Grant, for Thy loving-kindness and for Thy goodness' sake, that I may become in Thine House a burning and a shining light: grant, for the honour and glory of Thy Name, that with much good fruit I may be found meet to attain to Thy glory, for to Thee nought is difficult, nought impossible. Dispose Thou here and everywhere, now and ever, the days of my life according to Thy good pleasure; and by

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Thy Holy Spirit direct my heart, and tongue, and actions, according to Thy will in Thy mercy, that Thou being my Ruler and my Guide, I may study ever to speak, and think, and do those things which please Thee in truth, according to Thy grace, and which may at length bring me to life everlasting, by Thy pity and Thy gift, who art the Giver of all good things; and who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, art God blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

ST. ANSELM.

Or this :

O God of all grace, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give me a larger portion of the grace of the Holy Spirit: make me holy in body, soul, and spirit; holiness becometh Thine house. O Lord, my soul is athirst for holiness. Teach me how to preach holiness through the Spirit, and by the Saviour! Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

Or this :

To Thee, O Divine Physician, do I turn my fainting eyes, for my soul is full of wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. I come to Thee for healing, that it would please Thee to cast the salt of Thy grace into this impure fountain, that the streams may be purified from the noxious qualities, which now render unfruitful the whole field of my soul. O Lord,

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I pray that the overflowings of sin may be restrained ; teach me to watch and pray ; quicken me to diligence in this work and service ; enable me to give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine ; to give myself wholly to them, that my profiting may appear in the edification of Thy people, through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP CORRIE.

Or this :

SUFFER me not, O Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, to fall back ; nay I do desire to advance, to go from strength to strength, to do more than I now do, and to do all with a better spirit. Lead me on to the higher stages of faith, to a fuller growth of grace, to a more mature and fruitful holiness, to a more intense and spiritual love of Thee and my brethren. May I have strength to be a more complete conqueror of the world, of the world within me, of all earthly loves and affections. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief ; help me from whatever of unbelief remains in me.

I am athirst for grace ; " as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God." What grace I have wasted through mine own fault, or through Satan's guiles, do Thou restore me once again, that the second gift may be better esteemed than the first. I am but in the beginning and youth of holiness, when I should be of a goodly stature. L

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halt oftentimes, and walk weakly, and love languidly, and pray distractedly, and labour imperfectly, and have many worldly thoughts swelling like a flood within me, drowning my resolves and washing out my remembrances of Thee.

But do Thou, O God, this day "renew a right spirit within me," "establish me with Thy free Spirit," so shall I love with a sincere love both Thee, my Lord, and this flock which Thou hast given me. Hear me for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

Or this :

O Most holy Jesus! our example, our strength, our salvation, teach me to be ever looking unto Thee as "the Author and finisher of my faith." Endue me with that *meekness* and *lowliness*, that *kindness* and *tenderness of spirit*, that *zeal*, *patience*, and *self-denial* in the service of God, that I may, in my poor degree, and according to the measure of the Spirit, reflect the graces of Thee, the Head of the Christian body. Let Thy goodness be so communicated unto me, as Thy messenger of mercy, that while the light of my example shineth forth from Thee, the Sun of righteousness, the entire glory may be ascribed where alone it is due. Let me never be weary in the great and blessed work of caring for souls, and seeking to save them. Enable me to apply all my diligence to frame and fashion my life according to Thy doctrine,

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and to lead those around me to be helpers in bringing others unto Thee, the great Shepherd of the flock. O Lord ! Thou art in heaven, and I upon earth. What can I do, unless Thou first work within me, of Thy grace ? Hear me, O Lord ! supply all my needs, and grant that in the great day I may rejoice to see that in Thy might and mercy I have not run in vain, or laboured in vain. Even so, blessed Jesus ! Amen.

REV. J. H. PINDER.

Or this :

O LORD, Thou hast called me to be a watchman and a shepherd over a portion of that flock which Thou hast purchased with Thy Blood ; who is sufficient for these things ? O that my sufficiency may be of Thee, who dost make Thy strength perfect in Thy servant's weakness. Give me, I beseech Thee, the tongue of the learned, that I may know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary, and to warn the rebellious. Open my understanding, that I may understand the scriptures. Talk with me in all my goings out and comings in, and make my heart to burn within me. When I speak the word of life to Thy people, make it in me as a burning fire, and do Thou open their hearts to attend to the things that may be spoken. Let Thy Word, O Lord, ever be glorified.

Pour out Thy Holy Spirit abundantly on me, that

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may give myself continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word ; give me the wisdom of the serpent, and the harmlessness of the dove ; make me instant in season and out of season, let my loins be ever girded about and my light burning.

Fill me with such an ardent love for the souls of men, that I count not my life dear unto me, but be ready to die for the Name of the Lord Jesus. Shed abroad Thy love so abundantly in my heart that I may answer, " Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

Strengthen me in the inner man with the power of Thy might, that I may pull down all the strongholds of Satan ; give me grace to sow seeds of righteousness, in the morning going forth to sow, and in the evening withholding not the hand ; and do Thou, O Gracious God, give the increase, that I labour not in vain, but if it be Thy will, may see the trees of righteousness bud and bring forth abundantly, that our children may grow up as the polished corners of the temple ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REV. R. A. SUCKLING.

(1.) *Faith.*

At —— * to-day may the strength of God pilot me, may the power of God preserve me, may the wisdom of God instruct me, may the eye of God view me, may

* Composed by St. Patrick when he went to Tarah to preach before the king and states of Ireland.

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the ear of God hear me, may the word of God render me eloquent, may the hand of God protect me, may the way of God direct me, may the shield of God defend me, may the host of God guard me against the snares of demons, the temptations of vices, the inclinations of the mind, against every man who meditates evil to me, far or near, alone or in company.

Christ [be] with me, Christ before me, Christ after me, Christ at me, Christ under me, Christ over me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ at this side, Christ at that side, Christ at my back—Christ be in the heart of each person whom I speak to, Christ in the mouth of each person who speaks to me, Christ in each eye that sees me, Christ in each ear that hears me. At — to-day I invoke the mighty power of the Trinity. I believe in the Trinity under the Unity of the God of the elements. Salvation is the Lord's, salvation is the Lord's, salvation is Christ's. May thy salvation, O Lord, be always with us. Amen.

ST. PATRICK.

(2.) *Hope.*

THAT I faint not under so great a charge, teach me, Jesu, to remember the exceeding great reward which Thou offerest to the stewards of Thy mysteries, who shall be found faithful at thy coming. Remind me of those holy texts wherein Thou dost speak of the recompence of reward. (1 Tim. iv. 16. St. James v. 20. Dan. xii. 8.)

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Most gracious and most encouraging words of love ! May they serve to stir up the gift that is in me. O if I should gain this prize, if I should ever tread the courts of the kingdom of heaven, if I should ever save any souls from death, and present them before Thee with great joy, what account shall I make of all my labours, self-denials, watchings, sacrifices of ease and worldly tastes ? surely "the loss of all things is "as dung," if I can but gain Thee and behold Thee for ever. Lead me forth, O Lord ; I desire this prize ; help me to contend for it, and to attain it ; send Thy Holy Ghost to comfort and to strengthen me. I am Thine ; I would be Thine in this life and for ever ; keep me under the shadow of Thy wings ; draw up my soul towards Thee ; increase my faith, my hope, my charity ; knit my heart unto Thee, and make me a faithful shepherd of Thy sheep, that I may at last see Thy glory, and partake of it with all angels and saints, through Thine own precious blood. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

(3.) *Charity.*

GRANT to me, O Lord, I beseech Thee, in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, my God, that charity which never faileth, that my lamp may know only how to burn, never know how to be extinguished ; that it may maintain life in myself, and shed its light on others around me. Do Thou, O Christ, our own

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most Sweetest Saviour, vouchsafe to kindle our lamps, that they may ever burn brightly in Thy temple, and receive never-failing light from Thee, the true never-failing Light. That our darkness may be lightened, and the darkness of the world banished from around us. So communicate Thy light, I beseech Thee, my Jesus, to this lamp of mine, that by its light I may obtain a vision of that Holiest of Holies, whereinto Thou, the eternal High Priest, hast for ever entered, through the Portals of Thy mighty temple, so as that I may only see Thee, look to Thee, long after Thee, for ever. That setting my love on Thee only, I may behold Thee, long for Thee, wait for Thee, with my lamp ever lighting and burning in Thy presence. Be it Thine, I implore Thee, most loving Saviour, to reveal Thyself to us that knock; and that Thou mayest vouchsafe to inspire us with such a measure of Thy love, that our love and affection for Thee may be such as is fitting towards Thy divine and heavenly nature: that Thy kindness may occupy all our inmost souls, and Thy love take possession of us wholly, Thy charity filling all our senses. That so there may be found in us that boundless love, that never can be quenched by the many waters of this air, and earth, and sea, according to that word, "Many waters cannot quench love." And O that this may be realized in us even in part, by Thy gracious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ST. COLUMBANUS.

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Or this :

I CONFESS, O Lord, that my being and all the blessings I enjoy or hope for, are the effects of Thy goodness, that therefore it is my interest as well as duty to love Thee.

O that this love of God may be the commanding principle of my soul! That no worldly business, pleasures, or idols, may ever make me forget that God is my only God. May I, gracious God, always have this comfortable proof of Thy love abiding in me, that I may study to please Thee and to keep Thy commandments. And may my love to my neighbour be such as Thou hast commanded, that I may forgive, give, and love, as becomes a Christian, for Jesus Christ's sake, the Son of Thy love. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

(4.) *Humility.*

PRESERVE me, gracious God, from spiritual pride, from ascribing anything I have done, or can do, to myself, and robbing Thee of the glory of saving me from eternal ruin.

Take possession, O Jesus, of Thy right in my soul, which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and root out all self-righteousness, self-interest, and self-will; that Thou mayest be my righteousness, and all in me. Amen.

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Or this :

If it should please Thee to bless my labours, and to give them increase in my time and before mine eyes, then, O Lord, increase in me the grace of humility; humble me so much the more. Let me not say "my persuasion or my pastoral activity hath done this." Grant that I may give Thee all the glory, heartily, with a sincere mind. Grant that I may take nothing to myself of all the good done, but thank Thee with humble joy for having used such an one as myself to promote Thy glory. Grant that my rejoicing may be in Thee; so, in profiting others, shall mine own soul be profited.

I know, O blessed Lord, that my frail heart will then incline me to speak proud things, and to say to myself, "Lo! thus and thus was it before thy time." Satan also will seek to whisper vain thoughts into mine ear. Save me, holy Jesus, from mine own pride of heart and from Satan's wiles. Teach me to dread praise as a serpent, self-praise and the praise of others, lest I become a self-worshipper.

Or if, Lord Jesus, I should seem to labour in vain, let not my heart fail; move me by Thy Spirit to persevere. It may be that Thou hereby desirest to keep me humble, and to make me feel mine own insufficiency, and to trust more entirely to Thy grace, and to seek Thine help more earnestly in prayer. It may be Thou makest trial of my patience, withholding a blessing, that I may seek it with more impor-

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tunity, and continue labouring in faith. Or it may be, Thou givest me no visible success that I may the more undistractedly desire the final and most glorious recompence of faith. Thou canst give increase when Thou wilt ; if not in my day, give it afterwards ; make me content to labour without visible fruit of my labours in this life. O God the Father, bless me in my going out and coming in before Thee ; bless all my labours for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

(5.) *Chastity.*

O HOLY and immaculate Jesus, who wast born of a pure virgin and delightest to dwell in pure and virgin hearts, with mercy behold Thy servant, surrounded with the temptations of these impure and fleshly lusts, which war against the soul ; and too apt to be overcome by them. I cannot, O my God, stand in the day of battle and danger, unless Thy grace prevent and strengthen me ; O let Thy blessed Spirit descend upon me, the spirit of purity and holiness, and preserve me chaste and spotless, clean and undefiled ; that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary, fit for Thee to dwell in. Pardon all my past impurities, whether in thought, word, or deed ; and reprove in me the spirit of lust and uncleanness. Kindle the holy fire of love in my heart, and let it consume all my dross ; that I may

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no more grieve Thy blessed Spirit by any works of darkness, but after a chaste and religious life here, may be presented unto God, washed and cleansed in Thy blood, and reign with Thee for ever. Amen. Holy Lamb of God. Amen.

SPINCKES.

(6.) *Resignation.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Father and Lord of all the creatures, who hast disposed all things and all chances so as may best glorify Thy wisdom, and serve the ends of Thy justice, and magnify Thy mercy, by secret and undiscernible ways bringing good out of evil ; I most humbly beseech Thee to give me wisdom from above, that I may adore Thee, and admire Thy ways and footsteps, which are in the great deep and not to be searched out ; teach me to submit to Thy providence in all things, to be content in all changes of persons and conditions ; to be temperate in prosperity, and to read my duty in the lines of Thy mercy ; and in adversity to be meek, patient, and resigned ; and to look through the cloud, that I may wait for the consolation of the Lord, and the day of redemption ; in the mean time doing my duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed resolution, having no fondness for the vanities or possessions of this world, but laying up my hopes in heaven, and being strengthened with the spirit of the inner man, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

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Or this :

O MY crucified King and Saviour, let my submission to whatever afflictions shall befall me, for Thy sake, or by Thy appointment, be to me a pledge and an assurance of my fidelity to Thee, and conformity to Thy sufferings. Grant me a humble and a resigned heart, that with perfect content I may ever acquiesce in all the methods of Thy grace, that I may never frustrate the designs of Thy mercy, by unreasonable fears, by sloth, or self-love. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

(7.) *Pure Intention.*

O ETERNAL God, who hast made all things for man and man for Thy glory, sanctify my body and soul, my thoughts and my intentions, my words and actions, that whatsoever I shall think, or speak, or do, may be by me designed to the glorification of Thy name, and by Thy blessing it may be effective and successful in the work of God, according as it can be capable. Lord, turn my necessities into virtue ; the works of nature into the works of grace, by making them orderly, regular, temperate, subordinate and profitable to ends beyond their own efficacy ; and let no pride or self-seeking, no covetousness or revenge, no impure mixture or unhandsome purposes, no little ends and low imaginations, pollute my spirit, and unhallow any of my words and actions ; but let my body be a servant of my spirit, and both body and spirit servants of

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Jesus ; that doing all things for Thy glory here, I may be partaker of Thy glory hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

Or this :

I DESIRE, good Lord, to prepare myself for this day's worship, that I may truly worship Thee, that my soul may have an appetite for this feast. Look now upon me that Satan may not overcome me, that I may begin worthily in a true spirit, that I may keep worthy thoughts, and offer pure worship, such as may be acceptable to Thee out of Thy great mercy. In all public offices of religion keep my soul pure, disentangled from the world, undistracted, and intent on Thee. As I have many things to do, to pray—to read Thy Holy Word—to preach accordingly—to offer up supplications for the sick, and thanksgiving for those to whom Thou hast shewed mercy—to baptize—to receive the blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood—to administer it—to lay in the grave those of our brethren whom it hath pleased Thee to take from us unto Thyself,—help me, Holy Jesus, in all these acts of devotion, that all my ministrations may be done with a single mind, and may be blest unto myself and unto those among whom I minister.

Assist me, heavenly Father, especially in the more solemn parts of my ministrations. Assist me, most

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merciful Saviour, especially when I administer Thy blessed Sacraments, those mysteries whereby we are new-born, or renewed in the spirit of our minds. When I administer Holy Baptism, may I do it with a devout will, with faith, with sincere prayers. May I delight to bring little children unto Thee for Thy blessing. "Grant that whosoever is dedicated to Thee by our Office and Ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlasting rewarded through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things world without end." And also when I administer the unspeakable mystery of Thy Supper, then, O blessed Jesus, strengthen me with great gifts of the Holy Spirit; grant that my soul may be fitly prepared and dressed for that celestial feast, and that I may have truly repented of my sins, and may have purposed to lead a more spiritual life before I draw near to that mysterious banquet of love. When I stand at Thine Altar, grant that I may have the profoundest sense of Thy presence; take me, as it were, out of the world; shut the gate of my heart against it; lift up my spirit; let the house of prayer be unto me as a heavenly place; may I feel myself to be on holy ground; I cannot draw nearer unto Thee on the earth, may I feel Thy nearness. Fill me with a sense of my own sins and Thy great love, of my own unworthiness and Thy mercy; for none can tell the love wherewith Thou hast loved us. Grant, Lord, that I may be warned with a most holy love for each single soul that receives the mystical

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elements from my hands. Grant that my intent may go with my ministrations, though, should my intent be wanting, I believe that they may still be blessed to my flock.

In these and all other acts of Divine service this day be present with me, most gracious Lord, that I may perform them holily, with a holy purpose. In all the order of Common Prayer, in all Litanies, and supplications, and confessions of faith, in all psalms and spiritual songs, fill me with the Spirit, lead me by the Spirit to the throne of grace.

When I preach, may I preach according to Thy Holy Word, delivering Thy Gospel with meekness of wisdom. May I preach not only true words, but in a true spirit. May I seek not to please men's ears, nor to raise admiration of myself, but to turn their hearts and draw them unto Thee. May I preach holily, knowing that plain words from a holy and spiritual mind are more apt to minister grace to the hearers than most eloquent words that come not from a devout heart.

O Heavenly Father, give me now Thy blessing ; direct my goings in Thy way ; direct the thoughts of my heart throughout this day and always, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

(8.) *Self-denial.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made me a guide to others, suffer me not to go astray myself ; give me grace that I

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may never follow the inclinations of corrupted nature, nor govern myself according to the maxims of an evil world ; but give me the spirit, as well as the character, of a minister of Jesus Christ.

O Holy Spirit of Grace, sanctify my *heart*, that no base or impure thoughts, no mean and covetous affections, may lodge there. Govern my *tongue*, that no corrupt communication may proceed out of my mouth. Guard mine *eyes*, purify my *hands*, guide my *feet*, conduct my whole life, that by all instances of a good example, I may lead the people committed to my care in the ways of truth, and of eternal life ; and that no irregularity in my conversation may ever make my instructions ineffectual, or the ways of religion to be evil spoken of.

Vouchsafe me, gracious God, the graces of mortification and self-denial, that my affections and flesh being subdued unto the Spirit, and my heart and all my members being mortified from carnal and worldly lusts, I may ever obey Thy blessed will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

GRANT, O Lord, that I may always keep myself from all self-indulgent ways, from all personal luxuriosness, from all superfluities in meat and drink and apparel, from all vain expenses, from all costly tastes, from all love of show and regard of appearance, from

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all worldliness in my style of living, from concessions to the luxurious spirit of these times, from frivolous pleasures and much mixing in secular society. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

(9.) *Self-mistrust.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, which suffer-
edst Peter Thy Apostle, presuming of his own power,
miserably to fall, not only in the denial of his Master
Christ for fear of an handmaid, but also in forswear-
ing and cursing of himself, if ever he knew Him :
Grant me, I beseech Thee, merciful Father, that I
neither presume of my own might and power, but,
being in my own heart humble and lowly, knowledg-
ing my own infirmity, frailty and weakness, may ever
in all my affairs receive at Thy mighty hand strength
and comfort, to the acceptable performance of Thy
holy and blessed will. Hear me, O heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Or this :

O WHAT great duties are laid on me through this
mine office ! How great a charge, how difficult a work
and how awful, how great a weight of holy honours
and responsibilities ! What a weight is this to do
among men ! to teach—guide—feed—watch—nourish
souls immortal ! Who is sufficient for these things !

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ease of worldly circumstances, weaken the power of religion in me, and I seem to myself to have no longer the strength of former days. I would especially call to mind my dullness in secret duties, and how seldom I can take hold upon Thee. Deeply humiliating as this is, I yet bless Thee, O merciful Saviour, that Thou hast not cast me utterly from Thy presence, nor taken Thy Holy Spirit from me. I am conscious of a desire to be as in days past, and of some endeavour after it. But oh ! I have much ground to regain ; many days to redeem, and fewer left in which to work out my salvation. Thou knowest, O Lord, that I desire to be crucified with Christ, and to have all iniquity taken away. Lord, work Thou in me to do, no less than to will ! O make my light yet shine before men, to the glory of my heavenly Father. Help me to walk circumspectly, and to behave in present circumstances as becometh the Gospel of Christ. O keep me from any fall, either in public or private ; and lead me in the paths of righteousness for Thy Name's sake. Other plea have I none ; other refuge have I none. To Thee, to Thee alone I cleave. A poor feeble vine, I would cleave to Thee as the stem ; and in Thy strength alone be strong. Quicken me more and more. Lead me from strength to strength. Hold Thou me up, so shall I be safe. O forsake not the work of Thine own hands. I am Thine, save me. Amen.

* BISHOP CORRIE.

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(12.) *Patience.*

Give me grace, O thou most meek and loving Lamb of God, to follow Thy patience; quietly to bear the slandrous words of mine adversaries; patiently to suffer the cruel deeds of mine enemies; to forgive them, to pray for them, yea, to do good to them, and by no means to go about once to avenge myself, but rather give place unto wrath, seeing that vengeance is Thine, and Thou wilt reward; seeing also that Thou helpest them to their right that suffer wrong; that I, thus patiently suffering all evils, may afterward reign with Thee in glory. Amen.

REV. T. BECON.

(14.) *Compassion.*

O most gracious God, preserve me from a severe, contentious spirit. While I am careful to drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine, may I be deeply impressed with a consciousness of my own ignorance and weakness; and show that love and tenderness to others, of which I so greatly stand in need myself. And may I long for, and prepare continually for, that blessed state in which unity and peace shall encircle all the saints of Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REV. J. H. PINDER.

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(15.) *Meekness.*

O LORD, who art a God ready to pardon, slow to anger, and of great kindness, remove far from me all occasions and effects of causeless and immoderate anger; all pride and prejudice, and too much concern for the things of this world; all intemperate speeches and indecent passions. O Jesu, impart to me a portion of that spirit of meekness which prevailed with Thee to preach to a people who regarded Thee not, who despised and crucified Thee. Give me, O Lord, a mild, a peaceable, a meek, and a humble spirit, that, remembering my own infirmities, I may bear with those of others; that, considering my character, I may rebuke with all long-suffering and gravity; that I may think lowly of myself, and not be angry when others also think lowly of me; that I may be patient towards all men, gentle and easy to be entreated; that God, for Christ's sake, may be so towards me. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

ALTHOUGH in this thing I am very much wronged, as Thou, O Lord, knowest, yet my very, very many great and crying sins have deserved this and a much greater punishment. I will therefore hold my peace and not open my mouth, because it is Thy doing and my deserving. Lord give me true repentance for all the sins of my past life, and especially for those which

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may have been the occasion of this sad reproach. The great Lord grant that the ministry may not be blamed, nor the Church suffer, while I receive the due reward of my sins. And give me grace to look upon the author of this wrong as Thy servant David did on Shimei when he cursed him bitterly, as an instrument in Thy hand for manifesting Thy glorious attributes of mercy and justice.

Lord forgive them, for they know not what they do.

But grant, O Lord, that I may know and acknowledge Thy voice in this dispensation, and that I may make the best use of this severe trial and treatment, that my sins may be forgiven and my pardon sealed in heaven, before I go hence and be no more seen. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

(16.) *Boldness.*

O HOLY Spirit of grace, enable me to speak of the things of God, instead of things vain and trifling; enable me to overcome the shame of a degenerate age, which will hear nothing with delight, but what concerns this world. O touch my heart with the true love of God, the excellencies of His laws, the pleasantness of His service, the wonders of His providence, &c., that I may edify those that hear me. This I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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(17.) *Zeal.*

O God, who hast given me an active spirit, and many opportunities of doing Thee service, give me grace to make use of all occasions of serving Thee and doing good in my generation. Make me to abhor that sloth which would lead me into an insensibility and forgetfulness of Thee and my duty; keep me from idleness which would expose me to temptations, enfeeble my mind, and cover me with rags. Make me ever sensible of the great evil of delaying to do the work in its season which thou hast appointed me, that whatsoever my hand by Thy providence findeth to do I may do it with all my might, so that whenever I am called to give an account of my labours to my great Master, I may not be found an unprofitable servant.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

GRANT, O Lord Jesus, I pray Thee, that the love of Thee may make me ever ready and zealous to every good work, that I be not slothful in Thy service. Make me to seek with ardent desire, and to promote, as far as possible, the salvation of all men; and grant that I may be zealous for thine honour, and be wholly spent in promoting Thy glory, and the advancement of Thy kingdom. Amen.

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(18.) *Wisdom.*

O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, who hast made all things with Thy word,

Give me wisdom, that sitteth by Thy Throne; and reject me not from among Thy children:

For though a man be never so perfect among the children of men, yet if Thy wisdom be not with him, he shall be nothing regarded:

O send her out of Thy holy heavens, and from the throne of Thy glory, that being present she may labour with me, that I may know what is pleasing unto Thee.

For she knoweth and understandeth all things, and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me in her power.

For what man is he that can know the counsel of God? or who can think what the will of the Lord is?

For the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our devices are but uncertain.

For the corruptible body presseth down the soul, and the earthly tabernacle weigheth down the mind, that museth upon many things.

And hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth, and with labour do we find the things that are before us; but the things that are in heaven who hath searched out?

And Thy counsel who hath known, except Thou give wisdom, and send Thy Holy Spirit from above?

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(19.) Quick Understanding.

O God, who, by the grant of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost, dost enable Thy ordained servants to make full proof of their ministry, remove from my mind, I humbly beseech Thee, all dullness of perception, and deliver me both from errors of judgment, and all mistaken choices. Quicken my understanding, to know the things I ought to do, and the words I ought to say, in my several ministrations. Endue me with such discernment of spirits, that I may neither speak nor act anything unbecomingly, but may give to each member of my flock his portion of meat in due season, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H. B.

(20.) Spirit of Power.

I BESEECH Thee, O Lord, and earnestly entreat Thee, give me an humble knowledge, which may edify; give me a meek and prudent eloquence, which knows not how to be puffed up, or vaunt itself upon its own worth and endowments above its brethren. Put into my mouth, I beseech Thee, the word of consolation, and edification, and exhortation, that I may be able to exhort those that are good, to go on to greater perfection; and reduce those that walk perversely, to the rule of Thy righteousness, both by my word and by my example. Let the words which Thou givest to Thy servant, be as the sharpest darts

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and burning arrows, which may penetrate and inflame the minds of my hearers to Thy fear and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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(21.) *Perseverance.*

O most gracious God, relieve my spirit with Thy graciousness; take from me all tediousness of spirit, and give me a laboriousness that will not be tired, a hope that shall never fail, a desire of holiness not to be satisfied till it possesses, a charity that will always increase; that I, making religion the business of my whole life, may turn all things into religion, doing all to Thy glory, and by the measures of Thy word and of Thy Spirit, that when Thou shalt call me from this deliciousness of employment, and the holy ministries of grace, I may pass into the employment of saints and angels, whose work it is with eternal joy and thanksgiving to sing praises to the mercies of the great Redeemer of men, and Saviour of men and angels, Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and worship, all service and thanks, all glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

2 (1). *Selection of Missionaries.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good things, who by Thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church; mercifully look upon the

¹ Adopted by St. Anselm. *Medit. xviii.*

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same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants, [the Secretary of State for —, or, the Archbishop of Canterbury and his Colleagues on this occasion, or, the Electors to St. Augustine's College, or, the President and Members of the Synod, or, the Board of Examiners,] that they may faithfully and wisely make choice of a fit person [or, fit persons] to serve in the sacred office and Ministry now vacant. And to him who shall be appointed to any holy function give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by his life and doctrine he may set forth Thy glory, promote the well being of his Diocese [or, College,] and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. *For an Increase of Missionaries.*

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: Grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth labourers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them

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by Thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Or this :

O THOU who didst command Thy holy Apostles to make disciples of all nations, we beseech Thee to look down in mercy on Thy Church. Bless all our endeavours to spread the knowledge of Thee and of Thy Gospel throughout the world. Send forth more labourers into Thy vineyard, and pour out Thy holy Spirit upon all who are sent. Give them lively faith and earnest zeal. Defend them in danger; strengthen them against temptation. Give them wisdom and power that they may turn many to righteousness. Do Thou bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance, till the whole earth shall be filled with Thy glory. Hear us, O Lord and Saviour, for Thy mercies' sake. Amen.

H. S.

3. For a Blessing on the Labours of Missionaries.

ALMIGHTY Father, whose Providence hath conducted us to these distant shores, we implore Thee to prosper all our undertakings, which have for their object the welfare of our brethren, and the glory of

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Thy holy name. Thou hast brought us to a land, where all, who are sincerely devoted to Thy service, may find occasions of doing good, and where the single talent may be usefully employed. Grant, O Lord, that whatever our hand findeth to do, we may do it with all our might. Save us from the effects of indolence and indifference : awaken our zeal, quicken our exertions, and enable us to persevere steadily and consistently in those endeavours which the Holy Spirit may suggest to us. We beseech Thee, also, to vouchsafe us such a portion of health, as may be necessary to the discharge of our active duties, without suffering us to forget our dependence upon Thee ; or, if it should please Thy Providence to afflict us, teach us to bear our sickness patiently, and turn it to our spiritual improvement. And while we implore Thy mercies on ourselves, we commend to Thy especial protection our relatives, and all who are dear to us, in our native land. Bless them, O Lord, and let them remember us in their prayers. And to as many of us as Thy Providence shall permit to return to our country, grant that we may find those who shall remain to us, increased in every spiritual grace, and advancing in the way of holiness ; that so we may employ whatever further portion of life Thy wisdom may assign us in the endearing charities of kindred and holy friendship ; and, exhorting one another to good works, as the day approacheth, we may all pass to that better country, which Thou hast pro-

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mised to those that love Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.¹

BISHOP MIDDLETON.

4. *For the Propagation of Christian Knowledge.*

Most gracious God, who through Thy infinite goodness hast been pleased to offer salvation to all mankind, and to receive all humble supplicants as objects of Thy mercy: Thou didst communicate the glad tidings of our Saviour's appearing in the world to the people of Israel by the ministration of angels, and Thou didst vouchsafe to reveal the joyful news to the Gentiles, by ordering a bright star to point at the rising of the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings. Blessed be Thy holy name for that glorious light, which dispersed itself through the dark reigions of this world; which dispelled the dark clouds of ignorance and idolatry, of folly and vanity; which directed mankind to the true and most worthy object of their worship, and raised their nature to its utmost improvement. Adored be Thy infinite mercy, which brought the joyful sound to the land of my nativity, and hast permitted it to partake of the gracious and benign influences of Thy distinguishing providence. O may we always value such an inestimable benefit, by walking as children of the light, and by compassionating the miseries of those that still sit in darkness! To this end, I humbly beseech Thee to prosper the undertaking of that Society which has

¹ Used daily by Bishop Middleton in his family Prayers.

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been establiahed for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts ; make the members thereof zealous and diligent in that good work ; give them wisdom to discern the best and most proper means of promoting it, courage and resolution to pursue it ; and by unity and affection in their consultations, and by Thy blessing upon their endeavours, the happiness to effect it ; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ROBERT NELSON.

5. *For the Promotion of Christ's Kingdom.*

O BLESSED Jesus, into whose hands are committed all dominion and power in the kingdoms and empires of the world, out of whose mouth goest a sharp sword, that with it thou mightest smite the nations, and rule them with a rod of iron ; on whose vesture and on whose thigh a Name is written, King of kings, and Lord of lords : we adore Thee, in Thy infinite excellency and most glorious exaltation, beseeching Thee to reveal Thy name, and the glory of Thy kingdom, to the heathen which know Thee not, and to the uttermost parts of the earth, which are given Thee for Thy possession and inheritance. And give us Thy grace to serve Thee in fear, and plant the reverence of Thy law and of Thy name in our hearts, lest Thy wrath be kindled against us, and Thou break us in pieces like vessels of dishonour. Have mercy on us, O King of kings, for we have put our trust in Thee ; Thou art our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesu. Amen.

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Or this :

O THAT the saving laws of Thy kingdom may be received in all the world.

Take possession of my heart, O King of Heaven, and subdue whatever is amiss in me.

Make me instrumental in promoting the interests of Thy kingdom, zealous in advancing Thy honour, and the welfare of all Thy subjects.

Do Thou, O King of saints, establish Thy kingdom of grace in all our hearts, that we may be Thy subjects out of choice, and ever yield Thee willing obedience.

Rebuke all the enemies of Thy kingdom, all such as would not have Thee to reign over them.

May the heathen fear Thy name, O God, and all the kings of the earth Thy majesty.

May all, that own Thee for their King, become Thy faithful subjects.

Bless the pious endeavours of all such as strive to propagate the Gospel of Christ; and may its saving truths be received in all the world.

Deliver the world, O Jesus, in Thy good time, from the tyranny of Satan, that all nations may obey and glorify Thy name.

O that Satan may never set up his kingdom in this place.

Set up, O God, Thy throne in our hearts, and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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Or this.:

ENLARGE Thy kingdom, O God, and deliver the world from the dominion and tyranny of Satan. Hasten the time, which Thy Spirit hath foretold, when all nations, whom Thou hast made, shall worship Thee, and glorify Thy name. Bless the good endeavours of those who strive to propagate the truth, and prepare the hearts of all men to receive it. To the honour of Thy holy Name. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this.:

O LORD, let Thy kingdom come. Let it be as universal as the prophets foretold it should be, and extend to every corner of the earth, and reach every man's heart and soul: and may the days come when no persecution, division, or schism, no evils or troubles of any kind, shall be known in it! And may none, who are called by Thy name, oppose the coming of Thy kingdom by any scandal, or by resisting the power and efficacy of it in himself. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this.:

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to Thy disciples, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; look graci-

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ously upon Thy whole Church throughout the world; be present with the pastors of Thy flock everywhere; give them an open door to preach Thy gospel, and accompany their word with Thy Spirit and with power. The harvest, O Lord, truly is great, and the labourers are few; send forth more labourers into Thy vineyard, and hasten that blessed time when all shall know Thee from the least unto the greatest, and the whole earth shall be filled with Thy glory. And to me, Thine unworthy servant, grant, I beseech Thee, O merciful Lord, that as Thou didst give up heaven and Thy precious life for my salvation, so I may be ever ready, by Thy grace, to give up body, soul, and spirit to Thy blessed service, and to advance Thy kingdom on earth, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL LIBRARY.

6. *For the quickening of zeal in Christians.*

O LORD, our Saviour, who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we, whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly, by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and, as we have entered into the labours

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sadness but such as may be an instrument of Thy glory and their eternal comfort; forgive them all their sins; let Thy divinest spirit preserve them from all deeds of darkness; let Thy ministering angels guard their persons from the violence of the spirits of darkness; and Thou who knowest every degree of their necessity by Thy infinite wisdom, give supply to all their needs by Thy glorious mercy, preserving their persons, sanctifying their hearts, and leading them in the ways of righteousness, by the waters of comfort, to the land of eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

2. *For College Authorities.*

O God, who providest for Thy people with tenderness, and rulest over them in love; give the spirit of wisdom to those to whom Thou hast given the authority of government; that from the well-being of the holy sheep may proceed the eternal joy of the pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREGORIAN.

3. *For Fellow-Students.*

DIRECT and bless all such as are designed to serve at Thine altar; sanctify their persons, their studies, their intentions, and affections, that they may be

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honoured for their piety, for their charity, for their zeal, and for their endowments ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

GRANT, O Lord God, that they, who have desired to promote Thy glory upon earth, and to make Thy saving health more widely known, may see the fruits of their godly zeal, in the piety of those who are here brought up to Thy service, and in the increase hereafter granted to their labours. We ask in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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4. *For Late Students.*

REMEMBER, O gracious God, for good, all who have left us to minister in Thy kingdom ; pour out upon them evermore Thy Holy Spirit to strengthen, deepen, chasten, purify them : that, giving themselves up to Thy service, they may do and suffer all that Thou willest, and finally may reign with Thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOURS OF PRAYER FOR DAILY USE.

5. *For the Holy Catholic Church.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast revealed Thy glory, by Christ, among all nations, preserve the works of Thy mercy ; that Thy Church, which

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I pray for its Purity, that it may be "the salt of the earth," purifying the world, destroying the power of Satan, manifesting holiness, preparing a holy people for the Lord.

I pray for its Order, that it may approve itself the work of Thy hand, for Thou art "not the Author of confusion, but of peace."

I pray for its Peace, that it may be the peace-maker of the world, and accomplish Thy work of peace, for Thou hast spoken peace to them that are afar off and to them that are near; Thy peace hast Thou left with us.

I pray for its Doctrine, that it may be sound, that it may keep the Spirit of truth.

I pray for all the branches of this Tree, all the members of this Body, all the sheep of this Fold, all the brethren of this Household of faith, for the whole company of faithful people, friends and strangers, mine own countrymen and foreigners, for all that are called by Thy name.

I pray for the healing of wounds, the reparation of breaches, the destruction of heresies, the reformation of manners, the salvation of all men through the merits of Thy most precious blood. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

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6. *For the Church of England.*

O MERCIFUL God, bless this particular Church in which I live; make it, and all the members of it, sound in faith, and holy in life, that they may serve Thee, and Thou bless them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

Or this;

BLESSED God, I beseech Thee in a more especial manner to be favourable and gracious to that branch of the Catholic Church, which Thou hast planted in this kingdom; protect and defend her against all her adversaries; suffer neither superstition nor profaneness to pollute her holy worship; deck her priests with righteousness and salvation; and let her saints rejoice and sing; and give us all grace to walk worthy of our most holy profession, that Thou mayest still delight to dwell among us, and to do us good; and that Thy holy worship and service, which we now enjoy, may by Thy mighty protection be continued to us and our posterity for ever. And this I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Or this :

CONTINUE forth Thy loving kindness, O Lord, to this branch of the vine: Behold and visit this vine, and the place of the vineyard that Thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that Thou madest so strong for Thyself, this branch, abundantly watered, saved, and spared, amid many neglects and divisions; quickened, made fruitful in saints, rich in doctors and holy men, with creeds agreeable to Thy Word, and forms of sound words delivered from ancient times. Give us the great grace of unity, which we now lack; help us towards it by Thy Spirit, that, if we attain it not in our time, we may approach towards it. Help us first towards inward unity, unity amongst ourselves, in our own house, between the members of our own Church; heal our inward divisions, that they may pass away. Knit us together; remove prejudices, discords, misunderstandings of one another, harshness, the spirit of controversy. Give us forbearance and charity. For this Church of England, for all members thereof, priests and people, in all times, through all changes and chances of times, I do pray most earnestly. Send Thy blessing, O Father, that we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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8. For Colonial and Missionary Bishops.

O God, who by the power of Thy Majesty dispensest the number of our days and the measure of our time; favourably regard the service which we humbly render; and grant that our times, and those of N. our Bishop, may be filled with the abundance of Thy peace, and the grace of Thy benignity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GELASIAN.

Or this:

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send down upon Thy servants, our pastors and overseers, Thy heavenly blessing; and so endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they, preaching Thy word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine; but also may be to such as believe, a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that faithfully fulfilling their course, at the latter day they may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth one God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

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Or this :

O LORD Jesu Christ, most true Pastor and Shepherd of our souls, we most humbly beseech Thee mercifully to behold Thy poor and scattered flock, whom Thou hast purchased with Thy most precious blood, and to send them such shepherds as both can and will diligently seek the lost sheep, lovingly lay them on their shoulders, and faithfully bring them home again to the sheepfold. Vouchsafe ever to continue in Thy Church good bishops, learned preachers, faithful teachers, godly ministers and diligent shepherds ; even such as have a powerful and unfeigned zeal towards the setting forth of Thy glory and the health of Thy people. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be faithful, wise, and discreet servants, giving Thy household meat in due season. Give them that wisdom, which no man is able to resist, where-with also they may be able to exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to convict and overcome them that speak against it. Finally grant, we pray Thee, most merciful Saviour, that in all things they may so behave themselves according to Thy blessed will and commandment, that when Thou, the Chief Shepherd, shalt appear, they may receive the incorruptible crown of glory. Amen.

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9. *For Bishops on their Visitations, or for others.*

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, we commend to Thy Almighty protection Thy servants, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard them, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which they may be exposed. Conduct them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AMERICAN LITURGY.

Or this:

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst walk upon the sea of Galilee, who didst calm the waves thereof, and safely bring Thy Apostles to the haven where they would be; who also of Thy great love didst accompany Thy disciples journeying to Emmaus, and manifest Thyselv to them; we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy servant the Bishop of this Diocese, and all that journey with him. Give Thy holy angels charge over them to keep them in all their ways. Prosper their endeavours to spread the knowledge of the Gospel among the multitude of the Isles; and so fulfil our prayers for their safe return, that we may glorify Thee more and more, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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10. *For Diocesan Synod.*

ALMIGHTY God our Heavenly Father, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ did purchase unto Himself an universal Church, to which He promises to give His Holy Spirit, to teach and to guide, to sanctify and edify it until His coming again; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time we beseech Thee to regard with Thy special favour that branch of it to which we belong in this country. Stir up, O Lord, our wills and hearts that we may recognise the high responsibility to which Thou hast called us, bearing witness to Thee in this country. From all apathy and indifference, from all prejudice and party spirit, good Lord, deliver us: and grant that, as there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, so we may all with one heart and mind strive together, that the name of the Lord Jesus may be magnified.

And as we humbly beseech Thee for this Church in general, so especially for the Council of the Bishops, the Clergy, and people [at this time or which will shortly be] assembled. Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of men, and fashionest them after Thine own pleasure, be pleased to cause that those who [have been or shall be] selected in this and every parish to advise upon the affairs of the Church may be not only chosen of men, but separated and sent by the Holy Ghost, and largely endued by Him with gifts and grace for their important work. Vouchsafe O Lord, to direct and prosper all their consultation

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to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy people. Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, through fear of men or carnal policy ; but give to each member of the Assembly the spirit of counsel and might, of love and of a sound mind, of meekness and patience, of purity and godly fear ; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that pure religion and piety may be established among us. These and all other mercies for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

BISHOP PERRY.

11. *For Missionaries.*

O CHRIST, the true Priest, whose Priesthood never passeth away, let Thy power come to the aid of Thy servants ; and clothe them with glory and beauty, that they may carefully and excellently discharge their priesthood according to Thy pleasure ; and as they have received their talents to be profitably employed, as the Spirit giveth ability, they may at last lay them on Thy table with abundant gain, that they may become worthy to hear that voice full of hope, “Enter into the joy that has no end.” May they go on, O Lord, from strength to strength ; lift them up while they worship Thee : perfect Thy gifts in them.

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and crown their heads with a diadem, and in their hearts, as in an ark, may Thy grace be stored up; grant them Thine abundant help, and fill their labours with power. Amen.

SYRO-NESTORIAN ORDINAL.

Or this:

O Most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy name to preach the Gospel of Salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favour; and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high; and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; and grant that all who are called by Thy name may be one in Thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and in free-will offerings, for the

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extension of Thy kingdom throughout the world, to Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Or this¹:

O God, bless Thy servants, who have left their native land to preach the everlasting Gospel to the heathen. Comfort their hearts, strengthen their faith, and enable them to pursue the course, which Thou hast inclined and directed them to take, with a good courage.

Give unto all Thy servants who are engaged in preaching the Gospel, whether to Jews or Gentiles, the power of speaking the languages of the countries in which they sojourn fluently, clearly, and acceptably to the people, with an unction from above. Give them boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel, without yielding to fear or a spirit of weariness. May the love of Christ constrain them to devote themselves to Thy service, and to labour not so much for success, nor at all to gain a name amongst men, but simply for Christ and with a single eye to Thy glory. And, if it please Thee, grant that

¹A Prayer, suggested by a Letter from the Rev. T. G. Rагland, B.D., in 1854, describing his own wants and wishes as a Missionary; those especially in respect of which he most desired the prayers of his brethren at home.

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in the world," and "adorn in the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things"; especially do I pray for the Bishop of this Diocese, that he may well govern the same, and for the Clergy thereof that they may edify their flocks, and for their flocks that they may be saved, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

13. *For the Flock in Charge.*

SEEING that I have no confidence in anything but Thy mercy, do Thou endue my mouth with power to proclaim Thy truth, and sanctify my work with more abundant richness of grace, that Thou mayest both save my unworthy self, and sanctify in Thy loving kindness the flock committed to me. Whatever is corrupt in them, do thou make sound; and whatever is vicious in me, do Thou cure; whatever sins they have contracted through my guilty lukewarmness or carelessness, do Thou mercifully forgive. If in anything they have fallen into sin, whether with or without my knowledge, or have fallen by the stumbling-block of my example, rescue them from their fall by the hand of Thy mercy, and render not to my unhappy self the punishment which such a fault deserves. But let the rebukes which I have administered in censure of others conduce to their salvation; and let the pleading of this prayer recall them from the error they have committed, that they may not

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endure the torments of hell: so that Thou mayest vouchsafe pardon to their iniquities, and wash away the offence of which I have become guilty by my unfitness to bear rule. Incline thine ear, O Lord, to our sacrifices, and write me, and those who are committed to me, in Thy books; whereby, together with the flock entrusted to me, I may both be cleansed from all sin, and be enabled to attain to Thee in peace. Amen.

ANCIENT MISSAL.

Or this:

O BLESSED Jesu, Thou that art an eternal Priest, and Intercessor, and the Fountain of all ghostly good, have mercy upon this flock which thou hast entrusted to my charge. Lord, I am unfit for so great a burden, but by Thy aid and gracious acceptance I hope for mercy, pardon, and assistance. O Lord, send Thy Holy Spirit to dwell among us; let here be peace and charity, and true Catholic religion, and holy discipline. Comfort the comfortless, heal the sick, relieve the oppressed, enlighten the ignorant, correct the unruly, keep us from all deadly sin; that so from Thy favour we may obtain blessings in our bodies, in our souls, in our estates, and a supply to all our necessities, till at last we attain, through Thy merits, to the full fruition of Thy everlasting glories, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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Or this :

O HOLY Father, have mercy upon this flock, and rouse their souls to a true love of Thy will, and an earnest practice of Thy will. Save them, lest they perish, save them in this "acceptable day," from their sins. Thou sent me to preach Thy word unto them that they may be saved; grant that I may so preach and so labour that many may be turned to repentance for Thy dear Son's sake. O holy Jesus, by Thy Cross and Passion help me that I may help this flock. Come among us, O Holy Ghost, and help us, and with great might succour us; pity us, bear with us, enlighten us, renew in us "whatsoever has been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or through our carnal will and frailness." Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

Or this :

For all the members of this my flock, for this my own parish, my own dear charge, children and old men, young men and maidens, the prosperous and the afflicted, the healthful and the sick, those in the midst of life, those at the point of death, yea, for all whom Thou hast given me, I implore Thy mercy with all my soul; though I be unworthy to be heard, yet hear me out of Thy holy heaven, through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Or this :

REMEMBER all this my flock on the day of judgment, for they are Thy people, the sheep of Thy pasture, bought, O holy Jesus, by Thy blood. Spare both the shepherd and the sheep, and have pity on us, have great pity on us. Enable us to go through all the mysteries that meet us when we pass out of this world with a firm trust in Thee. Enable us to stand before Thee on the day of judgment with a good hope. By all manifestations of Divine love, all mercies, providences, instances of long-suffering, gifts of the Spirit, blood of Christ, intercessions of Christ, guardianship of angels, by all this love past and present, I pray Thee continue forth Thy loving-kindness. As Thou hast loved us in times past, as Thou art merciful to us at this present time, so shew forth Thy love on the last day. On the last day look upon us, though we be sinners; strengthen us in that hour, when Thou raisest us from our graves, when we see Thee, most mighty God, in Thy own Majesty; when we are gathered together before Thy throne, all the multitudes of quick and dead, the whole earth, all the families of the earth, all the generations of men, that have ever been, then, O God, lift up Thy face upon us in such love that we may be able to bear the light of Thy countenance. We are Thine, O Father, deliver us in the hour of death and in the day of judgment; deliver us from hell and eternal death, through the precious blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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14. For Sick Members.

O God, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection; incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard Thy servant, who is suffering from bodily sickness; and visit him with thy salvation, and bestow the medicine of heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of heavenly powers, who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; be present in Thy goodness to this Thy servant, that his weakness may be banished, and his strength recalled, and his health being thereupon restored, he may bless Thy holy Name; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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15. For Catechumens.

REMEMBER, Lord, the Catechumens of Thy people; have mercy upon them; confirm them in their faith; remove all remains of the worship of idols from their hearts: plant in their hearts Thy law, Thy precepts, Thy fear, Thy truths, and Thy commandments; give them a firm knowledge of the word in which they have been instituted by teaching; and grant that in due time they be worthy of the laver of regeneration for the remission of their sins; prepare them as a habitation of the Holy Ghost through grace. Amen.

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16. *For the newly Baptized.*

We yield Thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, for all whom Thou callest to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee. Grant that they may daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more; that, using all diligence to be rightly instructed in Thy holy word, they may grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and, being knit together in His mystical body, may live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world, until in the end they obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17. *For St. Augustine's College.*

BLESS, O Lord, this place which has been set apart to Thy glory, and grant that Thy holy name may be worshipped therein in truth and purity to all generations. Give grace and wisdom to all the Authorities, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all the Students who are trained therein from year to year. Take from them all pride, vanity, and self-conceit, and give them true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten their minds, subjugate their wills, purify their hearts, and so penetrate them with Thy Spirit, and fill them with Thy love, that they may go forth animated with holy, prudent, burning zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy holy word so burn within their hearts, that they may speak with that resistless energy of love, which will melt the hearts of sinners.

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to the love of Thee. Bless, O Lord God, the Founders and Benefactors of this College, and recompense them with the riches of Thy everlasting kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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18. *For Colonial and Missionary Colleges.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants implore Thy grace and blessing. Vouchsafe to all, who belong to this seminary, Thy especial guidance and blessing. Let those who govern it be ever mindful of the solemn trust committed to them, and labour to maintain within its walls sound discipline and Christian holiness. Let those, who are instructors, especially direct the minds of youth to the objects of their sacred calling. Let the Students grow up in grace, and become daily more and more disposed to renounce all secular allurements in the hope of being accepted instruments in advancing the kingdom of Thy Son. Let its learned men be mighty in the Scriptures, and so skilled in languages, that they may faithfully and intelligibly propound Thy Holy Word. Let its missionaries go forth in meekness, in patience, and in love unfeigned, as faithful apostles of Jesus Christ: and may all, who shall in any way be admitted to its benefits, be actuated by unity of spirit, and speak the same thing: let no schisms, or heresies, or divisions, defeat the end of their calling, or give occasion to the enemies of Christ

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to blaspheme: but let primitive truth and apostolical order and unwearied labours of love be evidences that Thou art with them, and that Thy Spirit has deigned to rest upon the spot from which they were sent. Raise up to this house, we humbly pray Thee, a never-failing succession of benefactors, whose names may be perpetuated through all generations as of blessed memory, and their good deeds be accepted, through the sole merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP MIDDLETON.

Or this:

Most Gracious Father, who, by Thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, didst commission Thy holy Apostles, and through them a succession of Pastors to the end of time, to proclaim to the world the knowledge of salvation through a Redeemer, we implore Thy blessing on this seminary, instituted with a view to the same ministry of the gospel. May the hearts and the hands of Thy people be open with supplies for carrying the design into effect. May the Authorities be endued with fidelity and wisdom, and sustained by Thy Providence in the discharge of the duties respectively committed to them. May the Pupils be favoured with health for the prosecution of their studies, and preserved by Thy grace from all temptation to relaxation of industry in the pursuit of knowledge. Strengthen in them the good desires which have been excited in them by the inspiration

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of the Holy Spirit, and impress on their minds a sense of the high origin, the salutary tendency, the awful duties and responsibilities, and the rich rewards of the Gospel Ministry. Endue them with humility in the pursuit of truth, and with zeal and steadfastness in the profession of it. Preserve them from prejudices, and from whatever else may betray their understandings into error, or their hearts into sin. May they be useful in their generation to the increase of Thy glory and the edification of Thy Church; and may they at last receive the commendation of faithful servants from the good Shepherd and Bishop of souls, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name, and through whose prevailing merits, we offer up these our imperfect prayers. Amen.

BISHOP WHITE.

Or this :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we Thine unworthy servants beseech Thee to bless this College [of St. John], and every member of the same, both absent and present. Knit all our hearts in one, after the example of our blessed Lord, and the beloved disciple; and grant that true religion, useful learning, and honest industry, may here for ever flourish and abound, to the glory of Thy holy name, the good of Thy Church, and the salvation of our own souls, through the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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1 Used daily after the Prayer for the Clergy in Morning and Evening Service.

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19. For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

O LORD, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday, and by whose providence and mighty power the acts of men are turned to Thy praise, and the affairs of this world directed to promote Thy glory, we, Thy unworthy servants, desire to render unto Thee our humblest thanks for the establishment of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*: and for the long-continued favour and protection which Thou hast bestowed upon its endeavours to extend Thy kingdom upon earth. Send down, we beseech Thee, Thy continual blessing upon its labours for the advancement of Thy truth, by the extension of the faith of Christ in this and other territories upon earth, where His name is already heard; and by bringing the forces of the Gentiles into Thy holy Church, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

O Lord, remind us perpetually of the example of those Thy servants, now departed this life, the founders of this Society; by whom under the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit this design was conceived and undertaken. Give us grace so to follow their steps that we may labour earnestly and diligently to complete the work of righteousness which they began.

Increase and multiply Thy mercy upon the rulers of this Society; and especially endue the Bishops of Thy Church with wisdom from above: that in Thy sight and in Thy fear they may direct all their

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endeavours with a single eye to the advancement of Thy glory, and the welfare of mankind. Pour down the abundance of Thy mercy upon all its Ministers and Missionaries ; causing them to shine like lights in the world, and to labour diligently in their vocation to make known Thy way upon earth.

And above all, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to open the eyes and incline the hearts of all those who have stood aloof from the work which Thou hast appointed for Thy whole Church to do, or who have done the same deceitfully. Make them to reflect upon the great guilt of their former negligence ; and so incline them through Thy Spirit for the time to come, that they, having a due sense of Thy mercies, may remember the obligation of all believers to contribute, according to their several abilities, to the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world. Grant this, O heavenly Father, that so this Society may be enabled to finish the work they have undertaken, in the Name of Thy blessed Son ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

USED IN THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY.

(21.) *For our Fellow-countrymen abroad.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who hast commanded us by Thy Apostles to walk worthy of the vocation where-with we are called, and as we have each received Thy gift, so to minister the same one to another ; grant to all who are baptized into Thy Holy Name,

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and especially to our fellow-countrymen who are scattered in distant lands, that in their way of life and by their words they may shew forth Thy praise, who hast called them out of darkness into marvellous light. Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy word to be blasphemed among the heathen. Send forth labourers into the harvest of the earth, and magnify Thyself in Thy people. Make them as the salt of the earth, and as a light in the world ; that so, beholding their good works, and won by their holy life, multitudes may be turned to Thy truth, to glorify Thee in the day of visitation, who art our Saviour and our God, blessed for ever. Amen.

S. P. G.

22. *For the Heathen.*

How many, O Jesus, of Thy sheep have no shepherd ! none to shew them their danger ! none to keep them out of danger ! none to lead them where they may find pasture !

May Thine infinite wisdom and goodness, O Lord, reveal to us the means, by which Thy Gospel may be preached unto them : and prepare their hearts to receive the truth, that they may be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God ! Send them pastors after Thine own heart ; full of knowledge, compassion, and zeal ; that, pitying their sad condition, they may instruct

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them in the ways of truth and of eternal life. Increase the number and the graces of Thy messengers and ministers ; and touch the hearts of all Christians with a true compassion, like Thine, O Lord, for all such as are strangers to Thee and the merits of Thy death, by which they have been redeemed, that they may cheerfully contribute to a work so acceptable to the divine Majesty. And may Thy Holy Spirit, by the preaching of the Gospel, add daily to the Church such as shall be saved, through Thy merits and mediation, O Lord, and Lover of souls ! Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

O God, the gracious Father of mankind, who of Thy tender mercy towards us, didst send Thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to make atonement for sin, and to reconcile the world unto Thyself ; who also hast commanded us to make prayers for all men, for Thou wilt have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth ; receive, we beseech Thee, our supplications for all heathen tribes and nations, and more particularly, for those dwelling in this land, and within this diocese. Have mercy, O Lord, upon these our fellow-men, who lie now in darkness and in the shadow of death. Bless the labours of Thy servants, in spreading the glad tidings of Thy love among them, and bring them out of the power of Satan into the kingdom of Thine own dear Son. Send forth, we beseech Thee, more labourers

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into Thy harvest; and to each one of us give grace, that we may be faithful witnesses for Christ among them, each in his own vocation and ministry, and that, remembering always the solemn vows of our baptism, we may never, by word or deed of ours, bring a reproach upon His name, and hinder Thy work of mercy among this people. But help Thou us, O good Lord, so to live together in love, in the bonds of our common Faith, and so to strive together for the advancement of our Saviour's kingdom, that the darkness may pass away, and this good land, which Thou hast given us, being made bright with the beauty of holiness, may become truly light in the Lord. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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23. *For Heathen Princes, or Chiefs.*

O LORD God Almighty, Giver of all good things, we beseech Thee to receive into Thy bountiful protection Thy servant —, his family and descendants. Remember him, O Lord, for good, for the kindness which he hath shewn to Thy Church. Grant him in health and wealth long to live; preserve him from all evil and danger; grant that his son and his son's son may inherit honour, peace, and happiness; and grant, above all, to him and to them, that peace which the world cannot give—a knowledge of Thy truth here, and everlasting happiness hereafter, through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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24. *For the Lapsed.*

O God of peace and love, make me, Thy minister, a messenger and instrument of peace to this people to whom I am sent; that by Thy gracious assistance, I may root out all strife and variance, hatred and malice, that this Church and nation may enjoy a blessed tranquillity.

Bless the discipline of this Church in my hands, and make it effectual for the conviction of wicked men and gainsayers.

Assist me, by Thy good Spirit, that I may apply a proper cure to every disorder; that I may reprove with mildness, censure with equity, and punish with compassion.

O merciful God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live, bring into the right way all such as are gone astray from Thy commandments.

Vouchsafe unto all penitents (and especially unto all such as are now under the censures of the Church) a true sense of their crimes, true repentance for them, and Thy gracious pardon, that their souls may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

Or this :

For the sinners of my flock, the great sinners, who live wilfully in sin, who harden their hearts against Thee, I have need most earnestly to pray. Move

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them to repentance, good Lord ; melt their impenitent hearts, that they may open their eyes and behold the peril of their souls. Draw them out of the mire, that they sink not ; turn Thou them, and they shall be turned ; convert them, and they shall live ; though they have sinned desperately, forgive their sins ; I pray Thee let not these poor souls, so blind, so dead in sin, perish in the everlasting fires. O shew forth Thy great mercy ; those who are in such great need of repentance and forgiveness do Thou waken out of their most fearful sleep, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

25. *For Heretics.*

O MERCIFUL God, we beseech Thee to bring the adversaries of Thy truth unto the knowledge of their error, that they may repent, believe, and amend. O Lord, they are Thy creatures, and Thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn and live ; have mercy on them, suffer them not to perish, make them of the enemies of Thy truth lovers and embracers of Thy truth. Take away from them their hard and stony heart, and give them a fleshy and soft heart. Replenish them with Thy holy Spirit, and with the graces thereof, that as they are Thy creatures with us, so they may be saved with us.

Grant also, O sweet Saviour, which wildest all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, that all such as walk in ignorance, blindness,

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and error, for lack of doctrine, may have faithful preachers sent unto them, which may instruct them with Thy heavenly word, bring them out of darkness into light, and place them in the sweet liberty of the Spirit. So shall it come to pass that they which are now not Thy people shall be Thy people, and they which now abhor and deface the glory of Thy word shall be the valiant promoters and defenders of the same, and all such as heretofore have walked through ignorance in all kind of superstition and ungodliness shall from henceforth walk in the glorious light of Thy Gospel, praise Thee and magnify Thee, obey Thee and serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life, unto the glory of Thy blessed Name. Amen.

REV. T. BECON.

Or this :

O most blessed, most gracious Saviour Jesus, who art the way, and the truth, and the life, Thou that art a light to them that sit in darkness, the light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world ; preserve Thy Church in peace and truth, in love and holiness, to Thy second coming : reduce every misbeliever to the fold of Thy Church : instruct every ignorant person in the ways of godly wisdom ; subdue the pride of man, and bring every understanding to the obedience of Thy sacred law. Let no man's vanity or ignorance divide the Church ; let not any holy truth be sullied with the mixture of impure and

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heretical doctrines, nor evil principles disorder the beauties of religion and godly living, nor any doctrines of men be taught as the commandment of God; but grant that the truth of God may be publicly maintained, constantly taught, humbly believed, zealously practised by all men in their several stations; that in the Church of God there be no contention but in giving honour to each other, and glory to God, in all the ways of faith and charity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

(26.) *For hardened Unbelievers.*

O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, with whom nothing is impossible; of Thy tender compassion, I earnestly beseech Thee, break Thou the power of sin in these thy stubborn and rebellious creatures; that, being brought by Thy mercy to a better mind, they may sit humbly at the feet of Jesus, and live to proclaim to all men the power of their great Deliverer, through the same Jesus Christ, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one Almighty God, for evermore. Amen.

H. B.

27. *For Enemies and Persecutors.*

O LORD, who alone art mighty, who alone art merciful, whatever Thou makest me to desire for mine enemies, both give unto them, and give back unto me. And if ever I wish ought for them out of

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the rule of charity, whether through ignorance or infirmity or malice, good Lord, give not this to them, nor give it back to me. Thou, who art the true light, enlighten their darkness. Thou, who art perfect truth, amend their error. Thou, who art true life, enliven their souls. For Thou hast said by Thy beloved disciple, "He that loveth not, abideth in death." I pray Thee, O Lord, that, in what degree Thou biddest it to be had, Thou give to them love of Thee and of their neighbour, that they may not have sin before Thee concerning their brother. Be it far from me, O loving Lord, be it far from me, that I be to my brethren an occasion of death, that I be to them a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. For enough and more than enough is it to me, O Lord, that I am a stumbling block to myself; sufficient unto me is mine own sin. Thy servant beseecheth Thee for his fellow-servants, that they offend not the goodness of so great and so good a Lord for my sake, but that they be reconciled unto Thee, and be at concord with me according to Thy will, for Thy sake, O Thou Saviour of the world, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

* ST. ANSELM.

* See also a Prayer of St. Basil given in Hammond's Practical Catechism, p. 169. (Ed. Oxon.)

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1. *Birthplace.*

Good Lord, bless all the places to which Thou hast made me to have any nearer reference, the place where I was born, &c. ; every soul contained in any of these, all my friends, kindred, acquaintance, any unto whom Thou hast made me any way beholding; especially my nearer and my bosom friends, —, &c. All these, &c., Lord, I beseech Thee, forgive me and them all our sins, and continue us Thy servants both in life and death. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

2. *Place of Education.*¹

3. *Place of Abode.*

HEAR us, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, and be pleased to send Thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¹ See Bishop Wilson's " *Sacra Privata*," p. 29, and " *Form of Prayer for all the world, and particularly for our special Relations* " in Bishop Andrewes' *Devotions*.

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Or this :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, be Thou present to our worship, and grant the protection of Thy presence to all that dwell in this house; that Thou mayest be known to be the Defender of Thy family, and the Inhabitant of this dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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4. *Sphere of Mission.*

HEAR us, holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, and join the grace of Thine own visitation to our humble services; that Thou mayest make Thyself a mansion in the hearts of those whose dwelling we approach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the protector of the faithful, and constant Visitor of minds obedient unto Thee; may it please Thee to be present, with Thy favour, to Thy servants who dwell in this house; that while we visit them with human solicitude, Thou mayest guard them with Divine favour; through our Lord. Amen.

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Or this :

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who art pleased to use the ministry of priests for the rendering of service and prayer to Thee; we implore Thy boundless mercy,

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that whatever we now visit Thou wouldest visit, whatever we bless Thou wouldest bless, and that at the entrance of Thy humble servants evil spirits may flee away, and the angel of peace may come in ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREGORIAN.

Or this :

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in all Thy mercy, that Thine anger and Thy fury may be turned away from this city, and from Thy holy house, though we have sinned against Thee. Alleluia. Amen.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

Or this :

O God of all grace, grant me more of the spiritual mind ; and to have more of a realizing faith, as to the truths about which I am exercised day by day out of Thy holy word. May true religion be on the increase amongst us ; and the word of Christ bring forth more abundant fruit. Oh, that the Spirit were poured upon Europeans and natives ! Oh, that the kingdom of Christ were established in my own heart ; more settled in my family ; my flock ; and on all around ! Oh, that the salvation were come out of Zion ! Then should this nation be glad and rejoice ; and He, whose Name is Jehovah, be acknowledged throughout the land. Amen.

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would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. Keep my mind in a perfect indifference, that I may be ready to close with Thy will as soon as I know it, for so it is done in heaven. We adore Thy goodness, O God, in making Thy will known to us in Thy holy Word. May this Thy Word be the rule of our will, our desires, of our lives, and actions. May we ever sacrifice our will to Thine; be pleased with all Thy choices for ourselves and others, and adore Thy providence in the government of the world.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. O heavenly Father, who knowest what we have need of, give us the necessaries and comforts of this life with Thy blessing; but above all, give us the bread that nourisheth to eternal life. O God, who giveth to all life, and breath, and all things, give us grace to impart to such as are in want, of what Thou hast given more than our daily bread.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. Make us truly sensible of Thy goodness and mercy and patience towards us, that we may from our hearts forgive every one his brother their trespasses. May my enemies ever have place in my prayers, and in Thy mercy.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. Support us, O heavenly Father, under all our saving trials, and grant that they may yield us the peaceable fruits of

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righteousness. Withdraw not Thy grace, without which we shall be made an easy prey. Let me never presume upon mine own strength, nor upon Thy grace without using my endeavours to avoid occasions. Make me ever watchful, sensible of my own weakness, and of the sufficiency of Thy grace, that I may glorify Thee by my constancy.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. From all sin and wickedness, from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death, good Lord deliver us. Deliver us from the evil of sin, and from the evil of punishment. Deliver us, O heavenly Father, from our evil and corrupt nature, from the temptations and snares of an evil world, and from falling again into the sins we have repented of.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN. The whole creation is Thine, and under Thy governance, O King of Heaven. Thine is the power, Thou canst cause Thy Name to be sanctified in all the earth, and set up Thy kingdom in all the world, and in all our hearts. Thou canst cause Thy will to be done in earth, and cause us to submit to it. Thou canst give us all things necessary for our souls and bodies, as also the grace of contented minds. Thou, and Thou alone canst forgive us our sins, and dispose us to forgive one another. Thou canst secure us in the day of temptation, and deliver us from the power of the devil, and the corruption of our hearts. To

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herein for the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Visitor, for the Warden, Sub-Warden, Fellows, and all the Students of the same; for all those who depart from the midst of this body to their future labours, and particularly at this time, I desire your prayers for _____, Student, now on the eve of departure for the diocese of _____, that he may be preserved during his voyage, and that he and all those we pray for, in their several stations, may serve truly and painfully to the honour of God, and the welfare of His people, always remembering that strict and solemn account which they must one day give before the judgment seat of Christ.

Pray we also for all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, that the merciful God would take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of His Word, and that He would so fetch them home to His flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lastly, let us praise God's holy Name for all Christian Missionaries in every age, and for all the souls which have been saved by their labours and fastings, their preaching and exhortations, their lives and deaths: and herein for St. Peter and the glorious company of the Apostles; for St. Augustine and all who brought the Gospel to our shores; for St. Boniface and all our countrymen who carried it to other lands; for George Keith and all the Missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; for

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Christian Frederic Schwartz and all Missionaries to civilized heathendom ; for Samuel Marsden and all Missionaries to savage tribes ;—whose works do follow them. And let us pray that we may so imitate their bravery and zeal, their meekness and wisdom, their patience and endurance, that God's holy name may be glorified by us, and His blessed kingdom enlarged, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

H. B. SERMON IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE CHAPEL.

3. *Prayer for Grace.*¹

ALMIGHTY God, the Giver of every good gift, who hast appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church, mercifully look upon me, Thy most unworthy servant, whom of Thy Divine providence Thou hast called to the holy office of—— ; and vouchsafe me, I beseech Thee, all those gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, which may enable me to perform the duties of my important calling, and to discharge aright the great trust committed to me in it.

Give me, O Lord, the spirit of knowledge and understanding, that I may be apt to teach, and skilful to direct and bring up all those who are under my care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give me the spirit of wisdom and counsel, that I may instruct with meekness, admonish with prudence, rebuke with authority, and minister suitable assistance to their several necessities.

¹ See Prayer of a Priest "to Christ," by St. Anselm, Orat. xxv. (Ed. Bened. p. 264.)

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discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded; and may also teach the people committed to our care with all diligence to keep and observe the same.

Grant that we may be ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to Thy word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within our cure, as need shall require, and as occasion shall be given.

Grant that we may be diligent in prayer, and in reading the holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same; laying aside the study of the world and the flesh.

Grant that we may be diligent to frame and fashion our own selves and our families according to the doctrine of Christ; and to make both ourselves and them, as much as in us lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ.

Grant that we may maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in us, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people; and especially among them that are committed to our charge.

Grant that we may reverently obey our ordinary, and other chief ministers, unto whom are committed the charge and government over us; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting ourselves to their godly judgments.

Finally, grant that both we and the people committed to our care may so faithfully discharge our active duties, that we may continue sound mem-

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bers of Thy church militant here on earth ; and may live eternally in the society of the church triumphant in heaven, singing praises and hallelujahs to the ever-blessed and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons in one God, world without end. Amen.

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Or this :

O LORD, who hast been pleased of Thy special grace and favour to call me, Thy most unworthy servant, to the holy office of —, and to entrust me with the cure of souls, give me grace, I humbly beseech Thee, diligently to discharge the weighty office which Thou hast called me to, and to be a faithful and industrious labourer in Thy vineyard.

Enrich my understanding with the knowledge of Thy truth ; and so replenish my soul with the gifts and graces of the blessed Spirit, that I may be thoroughly furnished to vindicate and defend the doctrine and discipline of Thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and to feed the flock over which Thou hast set me, with the wholesome food of Thy Word.

O Lord, help me to take diligent heed to my ministry, and conscientiously to apply myself to fulfil all the duties of it. Give me a mind after Thine own heart, that I may delight to do Thy will, O my God ; and whatsoever I do in word or deed, grant I may do it, not with eye-service as a pleaser of men, but with

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singleness of heart and a willing mind as the servant of Christ, who will one day call me to a strict account for every soul committed to my charge.

O Almighty and merciful Lord, who knowest to how important and difficult a work Thou hast called Thy sinful and most unworthy servant, I humbly and earnestly beseech Thee to consider my weakness, and the manifold temptations and dangers that encompass me on every side. And O let the Holy Spirit of grace be ever present with me to direct and govern me, to strengthen and assist me, to animate and invigorate me throughout the whole course of my duty, and to fortify my soul with such degrees of patience, and meekness, of prudence, and courage, and industry, that I may never be weary of doing the work of the Lord, because I know that my labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

And O Thou, who art the sole Ruler and Disposer of the event and issue of all human endeavours, give Thy blessing, I beseech Thee, to my labours, that they may be instrumental to the advancement of Thy glory, the edification of Thy Church, and the everlasting salvation of my own soul and the souls of many others. Lord, hear my prayer for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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4. *Praise, and Prayer, for an Ordained Ministry.*

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, who of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to

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us Thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life ; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors ; by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy holy Name : for these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness, and for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call an order of men to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee ; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon Thy holy Name, that we may continue to shew ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits ; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by Thy Ministers, as by them over whom they are appointed Thy Ministers, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged ; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon all Thy ministering servants Thy heavenly blessing [particularly upon —] ; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word

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spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that Thy people may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation ; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ORDERING OF PRIESTS.

5. *General Intercession.*

O THE hope of all the ends of the earth,
remember Thy whole creation for good,
visit the world in Thy compassion ;

O guardian of men, O loving Lord,
remember all our race.

Thou who hast shut up all in unbelief,
on all have pity, O Lord.

O Thou who didst die and rise again,
to be Lord both of the dead and living,
live we or die we, Thou art our Lord.

O helper of the helpless, seasonable aid in affliction,
remember all who are in necessity and need Thy succour,

O God of grace and truth,
establish all who stand in truth and grace,
restore all who are sick with heresies and sins.

O wholesome defence of Thine anointed,
remember Thy congregation

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which Thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

O grant to all believers one heart and one soul.

O Thou that walkest amid the golden candlesticks,
remove not our candlestick out of its place.

Amend what are wanting, establish what remain,
which Thou art ready to cast away,
which are ready to die.

O Lord of the harvest, send forth labourers,
made sufficient by Thee, into Thy harvest.

O portion of those who wait in Thy temple,
grant to our clergy, rightly to divide the word of truth,
rightly to walk in it;
grant to Thy Christian people
to obey and submit to them.

O King of nations, unto the ends of the earth;
strengthen all the states of the inhabited world,
as being Thy ordinance, though a creation of man.

Scatter the nations that delight in war,
make wars to cease in all the earth.

O expectation of the isles and their hope,
Lord, save this island,
and all the country in which we sojourn,
from all affliction, peril, and need.

Lord of lords, Ruler of rulers,
remember all rulers
to whom Thou hast given rule in the earth,
and O remember specially
our divinely-guarded Queen,

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and work with her more and more,
and prosper her way in all things.

Speak good things unto her heart
for Thy Church, and all Thy people ;
grant to her profound and perpetual peace,
that in her tranquillity
we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and honesty.

O Thou by whom are ordained the powers that be,
grant to those who are chief in court,
to be chief in virtue and Thy fear ;
grant to the Parliament Thy holy wisdom ;
to our great men, to do nothing against but for the truth ;
to the courts of law, Thy judgments,
to judge in all things concerning all
without preference, without partiality.

Grant to our population
to be subject unto the higher powers
not only for wrath, but also for conscience-sake.

Grant to farmers and graziers good seasons ;
to the fleet and fishers fair weather ;
to tradesmen, not to overreach one another ;
to mechanics, to pursue their business lawfully,
down to the meanest workman, down to the poor.

O God, not of us only but of our seed,
bless our children among us,
to advance in wisdom as in stature,
and in favour with Thee and with men.

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Thou who wouldest have us provide for our own,
remember, Lord, my relations according to the flesh ;
grant me to speak peace concerning them
and to seek their good.

Thou who willest us to make return to our benefactors,
remember, Lord, for good
all from whom I have received good ;
keep them alive that they may be blessed upon earth,
and deliver them not into the will of their enemies.
Thou who hast noted the man who neglects his own,
as worse than an infidel,
remember my household in Thy good pleasure ;
Peace be to my house,
the Son of peace upon all in it.

Thou who wouldest that our righteousness exceed
the righteousness of sinners,
grant me, Lord, to love those who love me,
my own friend, and my father's friend,
and my friend's children, never to forsake.

Thou who wouldest that we overcome evil with good,
and pray for those who persecute us,
have pity on my enemies, Lord, as on myself ;
and lead them together with me
to Thy heavenly kingdom.

Thou who grantest the prayers of Thy servants
one for another,
remember, Lord, for good, and pity all those
who remember me in their prayers.

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or whom I have promised to remember in mine.
Thou who acceptest diligence in every good work,
remember, Lord, as if they prayed to Thee,
those who for any good reason give not time to prayer.

Arise, and have mercy
on those who are in the last necessity ;
for it is time that Thou have mercy upon them,
yea the time is come.

Have mercy on them, O Lord,
as on me also, when in extremities.

Remember, Lord,
infants, children, the grown, the young,
the middle aged, the old, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick,
prisoners, foreigners, friendless, unburied,
all in extreme age and weakness,
possessed with devils, and tempted to suicide,
troubled by unclean spirits,
the hopeless, the sick in soul or body, the weak-hearted,
all in prison and chains, all under sentence of death ;
, orphans, widows, foreigners, travellers, voyagers,
women with child, women who give suck,
all in bitter servitude, or in loneliness.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast,
how excellent is Thy mercy, O God !
And the children of men shall put Their trust
under the shadow of Thy wings.

The Lord bless us, and keep us,
and shew the light of His countenance upon us,

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and be merciful unto us,
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us,
And give us peace!

* BISHOP ANDREWES.

Or this:

O God, Almighty and Merciful, let Thy fatherly kindness be upon all that Thou hast made.

Preserve Thy Church in the midst of the dangers that surround it; purge it from all corruptions, and heal its divisions, that all Christian people may unite and love as becomes the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grant that all bishops and pastors may be careful to observe the sacred rights committed to their trust: That godly discipline may be restored and countenanced: That Christians may not content themselves with bare shadows of religion and piety; but endeavour after that holiness without which no man can see the Lord: That such as are in authority may govern with truth and justice; and that those whose duty it is to obey, may do it for conscience' sake.

Bless the pious endeavours of all those who strive to propagate the Gospel of Christ; and may its saving truths be received in all the world.

Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and grant that none may deprive themselves of that happiness which Jesus Christ has purchased by His death.

Let all that sincerely seek the truth, be led into it by Thy Holy Spirit; and to all such as are destitute of

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necessary instruction, vouchsafe a greater measure of Thy grace.

Support and comfort all that labour under trials and afflictions, all that suffer wrongfully; and by Thy mighty grace succour all those that are tempted. Relieve and comfort all that are troubled in mind or conscience; all that are in danger of falling into despair; all that are in any dangerous error; all that are in prison, in slavery, or under persecution for a righteous cause; all that are in any distress whatever, that all may improve under their sufferings. Give unto all sinners a true sense of their unhappy state, and grace and strength to break their bonds. Reclaim all that are engaged in sinful lusts, in unchristian quarrels, and in unrighteous law-suits.

Visit, with Thy fatherly comforts, all such as are now in their last sickness, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with Thee.

Be gracious to all those countries that are made desolate by the sword, famine, pestilence, or persecution: and sanctify the miseries of this life to the everlasting benefit of those that suffer. Preserve this land from the miseries of war; this Church from persecution and from all wild and dangerous errors; and this people from forgetting Thee, their Lord and Benefactor. Avert the judgments which we have justly deserved; and mercifully prevent the ruin that threatens us; and grant that we may be ever prepared for what Thy providence shall bring forth.

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Bless all persons and places to which Thy providence has made me a debtor ; all who have been instrumental to my good, by their assistance, advice, example, or writings ; and make me in my turn useful to others.

Let none of those who cannot pray for themselves, and desire my prayers, want Thy mercy ; but defend, and comfort, and conduct them through this dangerous world, that we may meet in paradise, to praise our God for ever and ever. Amen.

* BISHOP WILSON.

6. *For a Missionary Institution.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee, let Thy special blessing abide on this, as on all other places where Thy servants devote themselves to a preparation for Thy work among the heathen. Prepare, we beseech Thee, in Thy gracious providence, a due supply of men, separated in Thy wisdom from their early days, who may from year to year enter this abode with humble and devoted hearts ; and here, in diligence and watchfulness, by self-denial and by prayer, in faith and in charity, may be nurtured in sound and useful knowledge, heavenly wisdom, and holy zeal, for those labours to which it may please Thee to call them. Let all who shall enter here be such as are moved inwardly by the Holy Ghost, and truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to take upon them the office of ministering Thy word among the heathen. And grant to Thy

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servants whom Thou hast appointed over them, and to all who shall hereafter take upon themselves the solemn charge, the continual supply of Thy grace that they may wisely and patiently, with meekness, firmness, and love, train up the ministers and missionaries of Thy Holy Word.

And let Thy presence, Almighty Saviour, be ever with Thy servants who shall, from year to year, go forth from this place to labour among the heathen. Replenish them so with the truth of Thy doctrine and so adorn them with innocency of life, that, by word and example, they may faithfully serve Thee in Thy Gospel, and preach among the Gentiles Thy unsearchable riches, to the glory of Thy Name. Let them ever have in remembrance into how high a dignity and how weighty an office and charge they are called. Send them forth as Thy messengers, watchmen and stewards, to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for Thy family, to seek for Thy sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for Thy children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Thee for ever. Incline them by Thy grace to give themselves wholly to their sacred calling; that, as much as lieth in them, they may apply themselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all the cares and studies this way. By continual prayer for the heavenly assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, and by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, grant that they may grow riper and stronger in their minis-

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try and labours. Though earthen vessels, yet by the excellency of Thy power, let them convey to the perishing heathen the rich treasure of Thy Gospel. Preserve them, by Thy grace, in purity and holiness, in meekness and humility, in zeal and love. Increase their faith. Let patience have in them its perfect work. And let Thy name be glorified by their labours in the everlasting salvation of many souls. Finally, O Lord, we humbly commend unto Thee the work of Thy servants, labouring for Thee throughout the whole world. It is not by might nor by power of man that we look to prevail, but by Thy Spirit, O Lord our God. Guide all the counsels of Thy servants for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Prepare the world for Thy Gospel. O Lord of the harvest, send forth labourers into Thy harvest. Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but, in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves. Be Thou ever, unto the end of the world, according to Thy promise, with all who go forth in Thy name; and let it please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish by the labours of Thy servants the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*REV JOSIAH PRATT.

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7. For the Use of the Authorities.

WARDEN (OR PRINCIPAL.) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

R. Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, &c.

W. Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord ;

R. Henceforth, to the end of the world.

W. We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God ;

R. In the midst of Thy temple.

W. O send out Thy light and Thy truth ;

R. That they may lead us.

W. Give unto Thy servants a wise and an understanding heart ;

R. That we may be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement.

W. Grant that we may take heed unto ourselves, and unto the doctrine ;

R. That in so doing we may both save ourselves and them that hear us.

Let us pray.

POUR out, we beseech Thee, O Lord God the spirit of truth and peace upon Thy servants, that we may

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fully know what is pleasing unto Thee, and may follow that which we know in perfect harmony of will, to the benefit of this College, and the glory of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Benediction.

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and upon this College, and all that dwell in it, and abide for evermore. Amen.

8. *For an Audit Day, or Anniversary.*

¶ *The Order for Evening Prayer is said as usual to the end of the third Collect.*

¶ *Then a Missionary Hymn is sung.*

¶ *Then, all standing, the Warden says as follows:—*

W. Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

R. We will praise the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

W. O magnify the Lord with me.

R. And let us exalt His Name together.

W. God is the Lord Who hath shewed us light.

R. And hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

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W. Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling.

R. Not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus.

W. According as His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.

R. Through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and to virtue.

W. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

W. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

R. Even the God of our Salvation.

W. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life.

R. For He is faithful that promised.

Warden. And therefore praise ye the Lord with the whole heart and mouth, and bless the Name of the Lord.

¶ Then is sung the following Hymn (A. & M. 374.)

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices ;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way

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With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

WARDEN.

Let us pray.

¶ *The General Thanksgiving.*

¶ *Then the following two Collects. which are also said in the Order for Morning Prayer after the General Thanksgiving.*

O EVERLASTING GOD, who art the Strength and Refuge of Thy Church from one generation to

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another, we bless Thy Holy Name for the fervent love towards our nation, with which of old Thou didst fill the heart of Thy servant Gregory, and for the zeal of Augustine and his company, whereby a Church was planted in this place to the glory of Thy Name; and yet again we bless Thee, O Lord, that when, through human negligence and evil passions, all things had been corrupted and brought to decay, Thou didst put it into the hearts of Thy servants, the Founders and Benefactors of this College, once more to rear on the same spot a home of pure religion and holy training for the missionaries of Thy Church to foreign parts. For these so great benefits of Thy long continued goodness, and for all the favours and blessings which Thou hast showered down upon us, even to this day, we render unto Thee hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee, and we beseech Thee, that we may faithfully use the same, to the setting forth Thy Holy Word, Thy laud and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who on the Day of Pentecost didst send down tongues of fire on the heads of Thy holy Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth, giving them boldness with fervent zeal, to preach the Gospel to all nations; Raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; bless, O Lord, this Missionary College, and pour out Thy Spirit upon us, and send forth from it into all lands men full of faith, and of the

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Holy Ghost, mighty in the Scriptures, able ministers of the New Testament, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth; prepared and willing to endure afflictions, to do the work of Evangelists, and to make full proof of their ministry: and upon the seed sown by them pour down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the continual dew of Thy heavenly blessing, that it may take root downwards, and bear fruit upwards, to Thy honour and glory, and to make a joyful ingathering of a full harvest of souls out of all nations of the earth, to glorify for ever Thy Holy Name, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

*BISHOP WORDSWORTH OF LINCOLN.

¶ *Then this Antiphon.*

(*All.*) Therefore now let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servants, that it may continue for ever before Thee: and with Thy blessing let the house of Thy servants be blessed for ever.

¶ *The Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

¶ *The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.*

9. *For the close of the Week's Lectures.*

¶ *Ordo Officij Divini.*

Custos (aut alius ab eo designatus) dicat:

Eccz timor Domini, ipsa est sapientia: et recedere a malo, intelligentia.

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(*Sive hæc.*) Dominus dat sapientiam: et ex ore Ejus prudentia et scientia.

C. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

C. Oremus.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

PATER noster, qui es in cælis, Sanctificetur Nomen Tuum. Adveniat regnum Tuum. Fiat voluntas Tua, Sicut in cœlo, et in terrâ. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, Sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in temptationem; Sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

C. Appropinquet deprecatio nostra in conspectu Tuo, Domine.

R. Juxta eloquium Tuum da nobis intellectum.

C. Da nobis sedium Tuarum assistricem sapientiam.

R. Et noli nos reprobare a pueris Tuis.

C. Mitte illam de cœlis sanctis Tuis, et a sede magnitudinis Tuum;

R. Ut nobiscum sit, et nobiscum labore, ut sciamus quid acceptum sit apud Te.

C. Ut innotescat in terrâ via Tua:

R. In omnibus populis redemptio Tua.

C. Oremus.

1

CREATOR ineffabilis, Domine noster, et Deus noster,

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qui de thesauris Tuæ sapientiæ angelorum cheros condidisti, et eos super cœlum empyreum miro ordine collocasti, atque elegantissime partes universi distribuisti: Tu, qui verus fons luminis et sapientiæ diceris, atque supereminens principium, infundere digneris super intellectùs nostri tenebras Tuæ radium claritatis, duplices a nobis removens tenebras,— peccatum scilicet et ignorantiam. Tu qui linguis infantium facis disertas, linguis nostras erudias, atque in labiis nostris gratiam Tuæ benedictionis infundas. Da nobis intelligendi acumen, retinendi capacitatem, interpretandi subtilitatem, addiscendi facilitatem, loquendi gratiam copiosam: ingressum instruas, progressum dirigas, egressum compleas: Per Jesum Christum Dominum Nostrum. Amen.

2

CONCEDE nobis, quæsumus, omnipotens et misericors Deus, quæ Tibi placita sunt diligenter et ardenter concupiscere, prudenter investigare, veraciter agnoscere, et perfecte adimplere. Ad laudem et gloriam nominis Tui ordina status nostros: et quod a nobis requiris ut faciamus, tribue ut sciamus, possimus, et velimus; et da exequi ut oportet, et expedit saluti animarum nostrarum. Via nobis, quæsumus, ad Te sit tuta, recta, et consummata, non deficiens inter prospera vel adversa; ut in illis non extollamur, et in istis non deprimamur, ut in prosperis gratiam Tibi referamus, et in adversis servemus patientiam, per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

DA nobis omnia in caritate facere; et actione nostras peragere non ex consuetudine, sed ad Te ea referre cum devotione. Fac nos, Deus noster, humile sine fictione, veraces sine duplicitate, Te timentes sine desperatione, in Te sperantes sine præsumptione castos sine corruptione, proximos diligere sine simulatione, patientes sine murmuratione. Da nobis dulcissime Jesu, corda pervigilia, quæ nulla abs Te abducat curiosa agitatio: da immobilia, quæ nulla deorsum trahat indigna affectio: da invicta, quæ nulla fatiget tribulatio: da libera, quæ nulla sibi vendicet violenta delectatio: et da recta, quæ nulla seorsum obliquet sinistra intentio. Amen.

LARGIRE nobis, dulcissime Deus noster, intellectum Te cognoscentem, diligentiam Te quærentem, sapientiam Te invenientem, conversationem Tibi placentem, perseverantiam Te fiducialiter expectantem. Denique, da nobis, Domine, Tuis poenis configi per poenitentiam, Tuis beneficiis in viâ uti, et gaudiis Tuis in cœlesti patriâ frui, per gratiam Jesu Christi, Servatoris nostri. Amen.

S. THOMAS AQUINAS.

OMNIPOTENS et Æterne Deus, qui Te toto imples omnia, quem nec capiunt tamen universa: a Te sumus, qui es fons omnium; ad Te venimus, qui es finis omnium. Agnoscimus omne datum optimum, et

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omne donum perfectum desursum esse. Descendat itaque benedictio Tua super servos Tuos, bonis literis operam navantes ; adspira inceptis, adjuva conatus, promote studia, purga mentes ad cognitionem sui, Tuique, anhelantes ; adsis propitius, dirigasque exercitia nostra literaria, sub patrocinio Tuo suscepta, et honori Tuo dedicata. O Pater Luminum, da nobis intellectum, ut cognoscamus veritatem. O Pater Spirituum, da nobis animos, ut defendamus cognitam. O Princeps Pacis, largire nobis sapientiam, ut studeamus unitati, ut, extirpatâ hæresi, et profligato schismate, uno animo labioque Te colamus, Tibique debitam observantiam præstemus, ad nominis Tui Gloriam, ecclesiæ profectum, pietatis incrementum, et animarum nostrarum salutem, per Jesum Christum, Filium Tuum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.

JOH. PEARSON, EPISC.

APERI nobis, Domine Jesu, arcana veritatis veræque caritatis Tuae, qui habes clavem David : qui aperis, et nemo claudit ; claudis, et nemo aperit ; ut illam clare cognoscamus, cognitam colamus et diligamus, dilectam opere exerceamus, quia Tu es amor noster, desiderium nostrum, vita et beatitudo nostra, in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

CORN. A LAPIDE.

OMNIPOTENS et misericors Deus, de cuius munere venit, ut Tibi a fidelibus Tuis digne et laudabiliter serviatur ; largire nobis indignis famulis Tuis, ut

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omnes affectiones et cogitatones nostras in Te dirigamus. Illumina corda nostra gratiâ Spiritus sancti ; intelligentiam, memoriam, et eloquium dona, ut, omni repulsâ negligentiâ, officia nostra bene prosequi, fructum efficaciter consequi, in cunctis Tibi placere, et per omnia digne laudare mereamur ; et concede, quæsumus, Domine, et nobis, et fratibus nostris in partibus transmarinis, in virtutibus ita proficere, ut nos cum illis, et illi cum nobis, destinata æterna præmia simul percipere mereamur : meritis et intercessione Unigeniti Filii Tui, Domini nostri Jesu Christi, cui laus, honor, et gloria in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

THESAURUS PRECUM.

Benedictio.

DOMINE, Refugium factus es nobis, a generatione in generationem. Respic in servos Tuos, et in opera Tuâ. Et sit splendor Domini Dei nostri super nos ; et opera manuum nostrarum dirige super nos ; et opus manuum nostrarum dirige. Amen.

(*Sive hæc.*)

NUNC ergo, Domine Deus, benedic domui servorum Tuorum, ut sit in sempiternum coram Te ; et benedictione Tuâ benedicetur domus servorum Tuorum in sempiternum. Amen.

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10. Students' Office.

¶ At the beginning of this Office the Reader shall say,
This is the day which the Lord hath made.
Answer. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Reader. Lift up your hearts,
Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Reader. Blessed be His glorious Name for ever.
Answer. And let the whole earth be filled with His
glory.

¶ Then shall be said or sung the Hymn *Veni, Creator
Spiritus.*

¶ And after that shall follow the portion from *Holy
Scripture, appointed in the Missionary Calendar,*¹
the Reader saying,

Let us give good heed, for thus saith the Lord.

¶ The Lesson ended, all shall say,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ Then shall be said this Litany, with the prayers that
follow, all kneeling, and the Reader saying,

Let us pray.

O God the Father, of heaven ; who willest not the
death of a sinner, but rather that he should be
inverted and live ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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adapted by the Students.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ; who
gavest Thyself for us, the just for the unjust, to
bring us unto God ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of
life, who proceedest from the Father and the Son ; by
whom the whole body of the Church is governed
and sanctified ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three Persons
and one God : our Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, the sins which have been
committed during the past week, or aforetime, by any
now in this College, or by those who have gone from
it to Thy work in distant lands : but spare and forgive
both us and them for Thy tender mercy's sake.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all sins, secret and open ; from those sins
which do most easily beset us ; and from such behaviour
as would cause this College to be evil spoken of,
and Thy Holy Gospel to be hindered,

Good Lord, deliver us

From leading those who are under our influence or
charge into any error of doctrine or practice ; and
from hastily seeking the cure of souls,

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From vanity, pride, and self-sufficiency; from negligence, and sloth; from jealousy, and envy; and from prejudice and self-will,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all selfish and unkindly thoughts; from a discontented and impatient spirit; from hasty and bitter speech; and from anger, strife, and division,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From partiality, and worldly ends; from self-indulgence, and impurity; from timorous compliances, and indiscreet zeal; from wavering, and spiritual declension; and from all unedifying controversies,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From love of the world, and forgetfulness of Thee; from the lusts of the flesh, and the temptations of the devil; from false doctrine, heresy, and schism; and from hypocrisy, formalism, and apostasy,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all painful accidents; from grievous sufferings of body; from despondency of mind, and from loss of reason,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation; by Thy Holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy countless labours and sorrows; by Thy manifold merits and mercies; by Thine all-prevailing intercession; by the love which Thou bearest to Thy spouse; by the sending forth of Thine Apostles; by Thine ever-abiding presence with Thy Church; and by Thy second coming with glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

O Lord, let Thine eyes be ever open towards this place; and give to each of us, we beseech Thee, a loving heart, and a sound mind; regular affections, and a watchful spirit; pure and holy thoughts; strong and religious purposes; the fulness of Thy grace, and all special gifts of which we stand in need.

Hear us, good Lord.

In all our public acts; when we meet together to offer up our daily sacrifice of prayer and praise; when we partake of the blessed sacrament of Thy Body and Blood; and in all religious ordinances,

Remember us, O our God, for good.

In every time of doubt and difficulty, of temptation and spiritual conflict, of holy desires and heavenly

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purposes ; and in all our preparation for the Ministry of Thy Church,

Remember us, O our God, for good.

In our daily life ; in the care of our own souls ; in seeking the salvation of the souls of others ; and in all our desires to promote Thy glory,

Remember us, O our God, for good.

In our sacred studies ; in our secular pursuits ; in our intercourse with each other and with all men ; and in all the labours of our calling,

Remember us, O our God, for good.

O blessed Lord, give unto us the spirit of prayer ; a lively faith ; a deep humility ; a stedfast hope ; an universal charity ; a holy and useful conversation ; a grave and sober demeanour ; a great contempt of the world ; and a love of holy things.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desire.

Give unto us a true and increasing sense of the duties, and the dangers, of the dignity, and the rewards of Thy Holy Ministry.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desire.

Give unto us spiritual wisdom, that we may discern all needful truth ; ability to silence all adversaries, and to enlighten all enquirers ; skill in languages, and aptness to teach ; a sound judgment, and a ready apprehension : a clear understanding, and a retentive

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memory ; and direct and bless all the labours of our minds.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desire.

Give unto us healthy bodies, studious habits, and an active industry ; constancy and perseverance ; daily progress in all useful learning ; and a stedfast purpose in all things to set forth Thy glory.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desire.

Give unto us a loving and friendly, a sympathising and forbearing spirit, and grant that we may be of one heart and one mind, and may dwell together in peace and unity.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desires.

Give unto us grace to persevere continually in Thy praises ; to seek Thee with an ardent affection ; by seeking Thee to find Thee ; and finding Thee always to rejoice in Thee.

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, and consider our desire ;
hearken unto us for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, for Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church dispersed throughout the world ; that Thou wouldest give to all believers a large portion of Thy Holy Spirit ; and withal a healing of every schism, and peace and quietness for ever ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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For all Kings, Princes, and Rulers, especially for Victoria, our Queen, and for the Governors of her Colonies, that Thou wouldest be pleased to suggest good things to their hearts for Thy Church and Thy people's sake.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word; rightly and duly administer Thy Holy Sacraments; promote primitive order and godly discipline; and aid every pious endeavour to spread abroad Thy Holy Gospel;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Missionary Societies faithfully labouring according to Thy will, especially for the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*; that it may please Thee to guide their counsels; to increase the number and liberality of their friends and labourers, and to further all their benevolent designs;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Missionary Bishops; for ¹_____, Bishops of _____; for all Missionary Pastors, Catechists and Teachers, particularly those who have been trained in this College, and herein especially for

¹ Here mention by name Three Colonial or Missionary Bishops, in order, each Sunday,

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²_____ ; that Thou wouldest both increase the number of Apostolic labourers, and grant them the abundance of Thy blessing, so that by them Thy Holy may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed Kingdom enlarged ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to keep alive in their souls the fire of divine love, and all Christian graces, amid the deadening influences of idolatry, heathenism, and indifference, and to enable them to give themselves wholly to their sacred calling ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give unto them an earnest love of souls ; wisdom to win them ; diligence to keep them ; and an anxiety to promote their perfection.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to provide them with all things needful for their bodies ; and to preserve them in all the perils of their travels, both by land and by water ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

² Here mention Six Late Students, in order, each Sunday, and any other who specially requests or needs our prayers. Any other Missionary, not a Student, requesting our prayers, may be inserted here.

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[That it may please Thee to bless and protect Thy servants —, who are gone forth from among us and are now on the broad seas ; to grant them prosperous voyages, and to bring them to the haven where they would be ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all the Ministers of Thy Word, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate [especially Thy servant —], to give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, and to defend and provide for their widows and fatherless children ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

[That it may please Thee to bless Thy servants¹ — soon to be admitted to the order of Deacons [or Priests], and to pour Thy grace upon them, that they may duly execute their office, to the edifying of Thy Church, and the glory of Thy Name ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to raise up a never-failing succession of benefactors to this place, set apart to Thy service and glory, and to endue the Warden, Sub-Warden, Fellows, Lecturers, and authorities, with all the special gifts and graces which they may require,

¹ Here mention late Students, by name.

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and to pour upon this College an abundant measure of Thy Spirit to the end of the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to prepare a due supply of men who may from year to year enter this College with humble and devoted hearts, and may be here duly fitted for those labours to which it may please Thee to call them;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to look in mercy upon the charges of all late Students; to build up the faithful; to strengthen the converts; to enlighten the catechumens; to establish the wavering; to restore the lapsed; to comfort the penitent; and to bring into the way of truth all that are in heresy, schism, and unbelief;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to convert all Turks, Infidels, and Heathen; to bring again into Thy flock Thine ancient people the Jews; to give unto Thy Church a perfect unity; to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us all we need, and bless us in all we do; to be our guide and portion all our days; and at length to receive us into the joy of our Lord;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Lay bare Thine arm ; revive Thy work, and manifest forth Thy power and glory now, even as in the days of old.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thine honour.

Accept, we pray Thee, this place unto Thyself for ever, and grant that Thy holy Name may be worshipped

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ped here in truth and purity to all generations. Bless all who may be trained in this College, and when they go forth, may Thy Word so burn within their hearts, that they may speak with that irresistible energy of love which will melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee.—Bless, O Lord God, all the Benefactors of this College, and recompense them with the riches of Thy everlasting kingdom, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Reader. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

¶ *Here all standing up, the Reader shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ *Then all shall say as follows :*

Alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place, where our brethren that are gone before us are labouring for Him. Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shalt not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest. Alleluia: for the Lord

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God omnipotent reigneth Let us be glad and rejoice,
and give honour to Him. Blessing, and honour, and
glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the
throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

(*Anthem.*) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts :
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to
Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Reader. Let us pray.

¶ *Here all shall kneel.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who
knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignor-
ance in asking ; We beseech Thee to have compassion
upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our
unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we
cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness
of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Chost, be
with us all evermore. Amen.

ST. A. C.

11. *Form of Commemoration of Benefactors.*

¶ *The Sermon.*

¶ *The Lesson.* Ecclus. xliv. to end of verse 15.

Warden. Let us now commemorate our most illus-
trious Benefactors, who in their life-time
out of zeal for God's glory, and earn-

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desire for the increase of His kingdom, contributed of their substance to the establishment of this Missionary College.

¶ *Then follow the Names of the Benefactors, after which are sung Benedictus, and Psalms cxlviii., cxlix., cl.*

Antiphon. The Lord taketh pleasure in his people : He will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory : let them sing aloud upon their beds.

V. The memory of the righteous shall remain for evermore.
R. And shall not be afraid of any evil report.
V. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.
R. Neither shall any grief hurt them.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Warden. Let us give thanks.

O LORD, we glorify Thee in these Thy servants our Benefactors, departed out of this life, beseeching Thee that, as they for their time bestowed charitably the good things which Thou didst give them, so we for our time may faithfully use the same to the setting forth of Thy Holy Word, Thy iaud, and praise ; and finally that we, together with them, may remain *with Thee in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
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Bless, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, the religious service of this day, and grant that in this Place, which has been set apart to Thy glory, Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations. Grant also that they who have desired to promote Thy glory upon earth, and to make Thy saving health more widely known, may see the fruit of their godly zeal, in the piety of those who are here brought up to Thy service, and in the increase hereafter granted to their labours. We ask all in the Name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

¶ *The Anthem.*

The righteous souls that take their flight
Far from this world of pain,
In God's paternal bosom blest,
For ever shall remain.

To minds unwise they seem to die,
All joyful hope to cease ;
While they, secured by faith, repose
In everlasting peace.

For at the great, the awful day,
When Christ descends from high,
With myriads of Angelic Saints,
They'll meet Him in the sky.

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Their God, their judge, Their mighty Lord,
Shall pour redeeming grace,
And call them ever to behold
The brightness of His face.

12. (1.) *Memorial of late Students.*

Antiphon. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

V. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem.

R. Which shall never hold their peace day nor night.

V. Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence, and give him no rest,

R. Till He establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Warden. Let us pray.

O BLESSED Lord, Whose Spirit bade Thy prophets and teachers at Antioch separate Barnabas and Saul for the work to which He had called them; Pour

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down, we meekly beseech Thee, on us and on Thy whole Church, the precious dews of the self-same Spirit, that we who are Pastors and members of Thy flock here may continue in prayer and watchfulness, and that those who are sent forth from us may have grace to spend and be spent for Thee; that by them the savour of Thy knowledge may be made manifest in every place, and Thy Gospel may come unto all that hear it, not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost. Hear us, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom every family in heaven and earth is named, we humbly beseech Thee to take into Thy special protection our absent brethren, the late Students of this College. Preserve their bodies in health, their minds in vigour, and their persons in safety, for the discharge of their several duties; cheer their hearts by the comfort of Thy continual Presence; let brotherly love continue; and grant that they may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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12. (2) *Memorial of Missions and of the College.*

¶ *Verse or Scripture Reading, by the Warden.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

V. Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies:

R. And Thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

V. O Lord, look down from heaven:

R. Behold, and visit this vine.

V. Let Thy name be great among the Gentiles.

R. From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

O LORD, Jesus Christ, Whose will it is that the multitude of the Gentiles should come to the knowledge of the truth through the preaching of Thy Gospel; Be present, we beseech Thee, with those who make known Thy Name in heathen lands, and grant that they who have lived in the darkness of error may, by their ministry, be brought to the knowledge of Thee, who art the true light, to lighten man that cometh into the world, and who with

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the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O God, Who dost manifest Thy power by leading the enemies of the Faith out of the darkness of error into the light of truth, and by restoring truth and concord unto the nations ; We beseech Thee that we may so labour for these ends, that Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to bless the goings out and comings in of the dwellers in this College ; to keep them in purity and health ; to send Thy holy Angel to be their defence ; to drive away darkness ; to grant them Thy light ; to bless them in all they do ; to bestow on them sufficiency of food and raiment ; to enrich them with all works of faith ; and to encompass them with the Unity of the Blessed Trinity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Dismission Hymn.*

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord ;
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

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¶ Then all kneeling;

V. Establish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in us:
R. For Thy Temple's sake at Jerusalem.
V. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
R. Who only doeth wondrous things.
V. And blessed be His glorious Name for ever:
R. And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
V. Let us depart in peace.
R. In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

13. *Missionary's (Private) Office.*¹

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Compose the mind to devotion by keeping silence for a short space.

1. Repeat the Vow of REPENTANCE.

I renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, so as not to follow nor be led by them.

So help me, O my God!

2. Use in due course one of the Penitential Psalms, or read a portion of the Holy Scriptures.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

1 To be used in the early Morning of any Anniversary.

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¶ Continue with these Penitential Prayers.

O merciful God, grant me pardon for all my sins, more particularly the sin of my youth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Gracious Father of all spirits, remember me when I forget Thee, more especially when Thou hast visited me in bounties spiritual and temporal, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O Sacred Spirit, who hast nurtured me from very infancy in the fear and love of God, and in the true Catholic Faith of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the Blessed and undivided Trinity, leave me not in manhood, when the world, the flesh and the devil, or my own corrupt and carnal will, tempt me to leave the Divine service of my Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, unto whom I have consecrated my life and my all for evermore. Amen.

O most compassionate Jesus, who art Prophet, Priest, and King over Thine Holy Catholic Church; Thou, who hast put me into the sacred Ministry, and given me, an unworthy servant of Thine, a good degree in the same, assist me herein so to order my internal life, that the relation in which I now stand to Thy Church shall in no wise prove a curse instead of a blessing to myself, to the Members of this Mission, to the Bishop and other spiritual advisers favourable to and assisting it: and more especially protect me so powerfully by Thy intercessions, that

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no wound shall hereby be inflicted upon the Church at large, which is Thy Body, and for which Thou didst shed Thy most precious Blood.

O Jesu, consider my weakness, and impart unto me, who am almost a dead member of Thine, spiritual life and strength: my Baptismal vows I have broken times without number; the Blessed Eucharist has been carelessly received by me, and its graces have not been duly cherished: my Ordination vows have been broken so frequently that I am ashamed to look up, and only wonder that Thy forbearance hath spared to me life or light in soul or body; O most Holy Saviour, I am no longer worthy to approach Thee after any manner, my whole life from very childhood has been grossly impure in the thought, the word, and the deed; I have no merits of my own by which to supplicate Thy remembrance of me unworthy: I have pleaded for mercy, till I am ashamed to plead longer: I have promised so much and yet have in very truth performed nothing: have been guilty of self-complacency even in the a of telling of Thy providence over us. Whereas, have been fully aware that such care over us (whi we cannot deny has been remarkably vouchsafed to our great comfort) was not owing either to faith or prayers offered up unto Thee, but the e of Thine own free goodness, or granted for the e of those who are constantly praying for us. Si therefore, most loving Jesus, to approach

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at this hour, relying on Thy forbearance, beseeching Thee to put me away from this most responsible better position which I have been placed in, and raise up another fitted in temper of soul and body in my stead, and leave me not to be destroyed eternally, and bring contempt upon the religious life which we do herein profess. And yet, if in Thine All-wise Providence, Thou constrainest me to abide in this calling, for the love which Thou bearest towards Thy holy Church, save this Mission in its poverty from the scornful reproof of the wealthy, and the despitefulness of the proud; raise it up when it is falling, and strengthen it when it is weak.

O most compassionate Jesus, hear me as I humbly supplicate Thy benign mercy towards us, for the sake of the brethren who are engaged in this Mission. Thou knowest all their necessities in spiritual and temporal things, and canst supply them by the means which Thou hast suffered to be provided here: give unto them, I pray Thee, a right disposition in all things, at all times, and to myself a right judgment. Give them the graces of perseverance, faith, brotherly love, forbearance under trials and difficulties, and that obedience which is passive even under wrongs; and to myself wisdom, prudence, and a patient endurance under all and every circumstance: give unto me, O Jesu, a meek and humble faith in the end here had in view, and strength and courage to go onward steadily until its full consummation.

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wrought out. Whilst imploring Thy constant assistance and guidance, O Lord, over our Mission, in its temporal and spiritual condition, for its clerical and lay members, I would more particularly at this time intercede in behalf of them individually, knowing that Thou, O Lord, art acquainted with all their necessities and failings, and canst assist them in all things.

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But more especially, as in duty bound, I pray for my spiritual Father; in the true succession of Thine own chosen Apostles: that Thou wouldest bless his ministrations in the Word and Sacraments, and those peculiar gifts received at his hands by Thy faithful and elect people in the Holy Ordinance of Confirmation; and by Thy servants, the Deacons and Priests of Thy Church, at their Ordination. Make him, O Lord, instrumental in planting Thy Church in this land: preserve him from all danger in soul and body: continue to us in this Mission his good will; and make us his obedient children in Christ, for Thine own sake, O Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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14. *Missionaries' Office.*

¶ *The Brethren being assembled, let one of the Clergy begin the Service by saying :*

Prevent, we beseech Thee, O Lord, all our doings with Thy most gracious inspirations, and further them

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with Thy continual help ; that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee be happily ended, and more especially the service we are now entering upon ; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Reader shall say :*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Answer. Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said this Confession, the Reader first saying :*

Let us make, with a pure heart and humble voice, our confession to Almighty God, devoutly saying,

Most gracious God, the Fountain of all mercy, who desirest not the death of a sinner, nor despisest the tears of the penitent, we, miserable sinners, humbly prostrate our souls and bodies before Thy most adorable Majesty, and with a true and hearty sorrow accuse and condemn ourselves. We confess, O Lord God, that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought,* . . . word,* . . . and deed,*

. . . through our fault, through our great fault, through our exceeding great fault. But have Thou mercy on us, O most merciful Father, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord and only Advocate Amen.

* Here let the Reader make a short pause.

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¶ Then shall the Reader continue as followeth, all uniting in the Petition, O Holy, &c.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,
Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the ~~faithful~~,
Have mercy on us.

O Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, have mercy on us, and save us for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Who hath made heaven and earth.

Convert us, O God our Saviour,

And turn away Thine anger from us.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

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¶ Here all standing up, the Reader shall say this
Invitatory.

Come, let us arise and go to our Father, let us turn
to the Lord our God, that He may turn to us and
help us.

Come, let us arise and go to our Father.

¶ Then shall be said or sung Veni Creator Spiritus,

¶ Then shall follow the Antiphon, which may be said
alternately with every verse of the Psalm, or may be said
only at the beginning and at the end of the Psalm, in
which case the Reader shall begin as followeth :

Antiphon. Trust in the Lord.

Psalm.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon
Him: yea, all such as call upon *Him* faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him:
He will also hear their cry and will help them.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment:
and such as are gentle, them shall *He* learn *His* way.

What man is he that feareth the Lord: *him shall He*
teach in the way that *He* shall choose.

Put thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good:
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord: and *He shall give thee*
thy heart's desire.

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Commit thy way unto the Lord: *put thy trust in Him, and He will bring it to pass.*

I will look unto the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation: *my God will hear me.*

O send out Thy light and Thy truth: *that they may lead me.*

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel: *and after that receive me with glory.*

I know that the way of man is not in himself: *it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

For Thou hast said, I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: *and I will guide thee with mine eye.*

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: *make Thy way plain before my face.*

Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go: *that my footsteps shall not slide.*

Hold thou still in the Lord: *and abide patiently upon Him.*

It is good for me to hold fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: *and to speak of all Thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.*

It is better to trust in the Lord: *than to put any confidence in man.*

It is better to trust in the Lord: *than to put any confidence in princes.*

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Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses :
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

It is the Lord's doing : *and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

If God be for us : who can be against us ?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Antiphon.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man.

¶ *After which the Reader shall say :*

Brethren, listen to the first Instruction.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways think upon Him, and He will direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own conceit, and depart from evil. Seek not the things that are too high for thee, nor search into those above thy strength, but the thing that God hath commanded thee, that do thou, and in many of His ways be not too curious, since it is not necessary for thee to see with thine eyes those things that are hidden. Lay up thy treasure according to the commandments of the Most High, and it shall profit thee more than gold. Give to the Highest according to what He has given thee, and with a good eye give according to the ability of Thy hands, ~~for~~

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the Lord is thy Rewarder, and He will repay ~~to~~ seven times as much. When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies be at peace with him. The heart of man deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps. He that is patient is better than he that is strong, and he that rules his own mind, than he who conquers cities. There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord.

¶ *Here all rising, two of the lay brothers in succession shall make the first and second Responses, all joining in the third.*

1st R. Well may we give Thee, O Lord, some part of what we have, since we received from Thee all we have; well may we give with gladness to Thee since Thy bounty rewards us with so great advantage.

2nd R. Oh! make us still mistrust ourselves, and with humble confidence rely on Thee. Without Thy blessing our labour is vain: and against Thy decrees no policy can succeed; but if we humbly submit to Thee, Thou wilt direct us: if we keep Thy commandments, Thou wilt defend us.

3rd R. Oh! make us still mistrust ourselves, and with confidence rely on Thee.

¶ *Then shall the Reader say :*

Brethren, listen to the *second Instruction*.

When thou comest to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Cleave unto him, and depart

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not away, that thou mayest be increased at the last end. Whatever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art brought to a low estate, for gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Believe in God, and He will help thee, order thy way aright and trust in Him. Woe to the fearful hearts and faint hands, and the sinner that goeth two ways. Woe to them that are faint-hearted, who believe not God, and therefore shall not be defended.

1st R. Teach us, O gracious God, to begin our works with fear, and to go on with obedience, and finish them with love, and after all sit humbly down in hope, and with a cheerful countenance look up to Thee,—

2nd R. Whose promises are faithful and whose rewards infinite: all this we may do for men, and yet they fail us: we may serve and they forget our service; we may love, and they neglect our affections; only Thou, whom we can in no way benefit, dost in every way oblige us, O Lord, our God.

3rd R. Whose promises are faithful, and whose rewards infinite.

¶ *Then shall the Reader say:*

Listen, Brethren, to the Lesson selected from the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. (x. 5, 9, 10, 16, 24, 25, 28-34, 37-39.)

1st R. Blessed, O God, be Thy goodness for ever, which so plentifully furnishes us with rules of con-

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In all our doubts, in all our necessities, throughout our lives, and at the hour of death,

Deliver us, O Lord.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee in all our dangers, trials, and temptations, to strengthen and relieve us,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That seeing our daily imperfections, we may quicken our diligence, humble our thoughts, and learn to depend wholly on Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That believing Thou governest the world by Thy Providence, we may humbly and thankfully accept of any condition of life Thou assignest us therein, and not murmur at the part Thou givest us to act, but strive to act it well;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may religiously observe the rules and duties of our several places, and contentedly submit to the meanest works of our condition;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may live in peace and charity with all the world, and especially since it hath pleased Thee to unite us in one family, that we may patiently forbear, freely forgive, and readily assist one another;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

God who grants the prayers of His servants, one for another, to remember for good all those whom we should remember in our prayers¹ . . . those who have ministered to us of their labour, their wealth, their good countenance, their prayers, whether young or old, male or female, clergy or laity; whether known to us or unknown: all who have a claim on us from benefits conferred in aiding us to establish this Mission to the glory of God's great Name.

O merciful Lord, make them a plentiful recompence for the good they have conveyed to us. Pour out upon all Thy rich pity, to all performing their requests for salvation. And since we cannot make mention of each of them, through ignorance, forgetfulness, or number of names, remember Thou them, O God, who knowest the stature and appellation of each and every degree of their several necessity. Continue to us their good will, and in the multitude of Thy pity remember them and us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Furthermore we command to Thy favour, O God, the endeavour here made by Thy unworthy servants to make a short pause for a particular naming of benefactors.

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extend the kingdom of Thy dear Son upon earth. Confirm and promote its usefulness. Replenish with the truth of Thy doctrine the clergy of this Mission, and endue them with innocency of life. Enlighten the minds of the people more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel. And according to Thine infinite wisdom, O God, prepare occasions of doing good, and give us grace to make use of them. Enlarge in thine own time and way Thy manifold gifts to us, both temporal and spiritual. Send forth labourers into this Thy harvest, and whoever plants, whoever waters, strengthen their faith in Thee, who alone canst give the increase, O gracious Lord of the harvest, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, Thy Spouse, the Holy Catholic Church.

And evermore mightily defend her.

Deliver her from strange doctrines, heresy, and schisms.

And bless her with unity, peace, and concord.

Deliver her when she is in danger.

And restore her when she is laid waste.

Bring back those who have wandered from her fold.

And may all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who hast vouchsafed to receive us into the Ark of Christ's Church, we render Thee most humble thanks for Thy great goodness, whereby alone

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we enjoy the comfort of a firm and settled belief, free from the inconstancy of those, who, having no support but their own fancies, float up and down awhile, and sink at last into the gulf of infidelity. Make us daily sensible of this Thy mercy, that as we know Thee by a sure faith, we may love Thee with a perfect charity, and, fixing our hopes on heaven and heavenly things, may patiently suffer what Thou permittest here, and still press on to what Thou promisest hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Father, give us, we beseech Thee, such grace, that we may duly examine the inmost of our hearts and our most secret thoughts, how we stand before Thee, that we may persevere in all good purposes, and in Thy holy service unto our lives' end. Lord, Thou knowest what is best for us to do according to Thy will: give us, we beseech Thee, what Thou wilt, as much as Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt. Lo! we are Thy servants, ready to do all things that Thou commandest us, for we desire not to live unto ourselves, but to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion.

And build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Give to all Thy faithful eternal rest.

And enlighten them when they sit in darkness.



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Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of Thy Son, Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless we our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praised be the Lord who hath helped us.

The God who hath poured his benefits upon us.

He hath brought us to great honour.

And comforted us on every side.

Lord, Thou hast made us glad through Thy works.

And we will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

May the Divine assistance remain with us for ever.

Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Blessing, to be given by the Priest alone. In case no Priest is present, the service shall conclude with the previous versicle and response, and the silent prayer.*

Priest. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon us and remain in our hearts for ever. Amen.

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¶ Then let the office conclude with a short prayer said silently.

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15. Litany for Family use.

O God the Father, of heaven ; who willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ; who gavest Thyself for us, the Just for the unjust, to bring us unto God ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of life, who proceedest from the Father and the Son ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : our Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier ;

Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences ; but spare us, good Lord ; and by the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation ; by Thy Cross and Passion ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord : For Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church dispersed throughout the world ; that Thou wouldest give to all believers a large portion of Thy Holy Spirit ; and withal a healing of every schism, and peace and ~~for ever~~ for ever ;

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We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Christian Missionaries, that Thou wouldest both increase the number of Apostolic labourers, and grant them the abundance of Thy blessing, that in all their labours and necessities they may have grace and help; so that by them Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all converts to the faith of Christ, that Thou wouldest confirm and strengthen them with the fulness of Thy grace, and give them perseverance unto the end;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all Jews, Turks, and Infidels, and for all the Heathen, that by the power of Thy good Spirit they be turned from darkness to light, and so Thy precious Blood be not shed for them in vain;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all such as are in error, heresy, and schism, that Thou wouldest convert and bring them back into the way of truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For ourselves, that we may have grace to hear meekly Thy Word, to receive it with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, to the

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advancement of Thy Gospel and the glory of Thy Name;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the World;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the World;

Have mercy upon us.

O Saviour of the World, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory; for He was slain and hath redeemed us to God by His Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. For these and all His mercies, whether known or unknown, and for all his grace and help, to Him, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be praise and thanksgiving, now and for evermore.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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16. Office for Family use.

¶ Let the Master begin by reading the following Sentences of Scripture:

In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Phil. iv. 6.*

For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? *Deut. iv. 7.*

¶ Let the Master then address those assembled as follows, according to the day of the week:

Beloved brethren, we who have received the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord are bound S. To give thanks without ceasing for so great a benefit:

M. To obey His commands with our whole heart:

T. To stir up one another in the discharge of our duty:

W. To provide for the Ministers of our holy religion:

Th. To animate our souls by the encouragements which He has given us:

F. To relieve the lost estate of those who know Him not:

Sat. To pray that He would send His grace unto all people.

Let us then manifest our care for these things, by hearkening to the words of Holy Scripture, and making our prayers with one accord at the throne of grace.

¶ Then the Scripture that follows, each in its day:

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Thanksgiving for the Gospel.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. *1 St. Pet.* i. 3, 4.

Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began; but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel. *2 Tim.* i. 9, 10.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein he hath abounded to us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which he hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of time, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him. *Eph.* i. 3, 7-10.

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The Lord's Commands.

THUS hath the Lord said: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *St. Matt.* xxviii. 18, 19.

Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. *St. Luke* xiv. 23.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. *St. Mark* xvi. 15.

Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. *St. Luke* xxiv. 46, 47.

How shall they preach, except they be sent? *Rom.* x. 15.

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. *Is.* liv. 2.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is He who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously. *Ps.* xcvi. 10.

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TUESDAY.

Mutual Exhortation.

It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. *Zecl. viii. 20, 21.*

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, as every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. *Rom. xii. 6. 1 Pet. iv. 10.*

I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; whilst by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; and by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. *2 Cor. viii. 8; ix. 12-14.*

And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. *Heb. x. 24, 25.*

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WEDNESDAY.

Support to the Christian Ministry.

FREELY ye have received, freely give. *St. Matt. x. 8.*

Ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx. 35.*

I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: as it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. *2 Cor. viii. 13-15.*

Do ye not know, that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. *1 Cor. ix. 13, 14.*

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; which have borne witness of thy charity before the Church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: because that for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth. *3 S. John 5-8.*

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THURSDAY.

Our encouragement and reward.

HAVE I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth. *Ezek. xviii. 23, 32.*

The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. *St. Luke xix. 10.*

And He shall speak peace unto the heathen: and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. *Zech. ix. 10.*

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts. *Mal. i. 11.*

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. *St. Luke xv. 10.*

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. *Dan. xii. 3.*

Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. *St. John iv 35.*

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FRIDAY.

The lost state of the Heathen.

WHAT man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? *St. Luke xv. 4.*

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. *Tit. iii. 3.*

At that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. *Eph. ii. 12.*

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness: because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. *Rom. i. 18, 21, 28, 32.*

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SATURDAY.

The efficacy of Intercession.

WHEN ye pray, say, Thy kingdom come. *St. Luke xi. 2.*

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest. *St. Matt. ix. 37, 38.*

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. *1 Tim. ii. 1, 3-6.*

Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. *St. James v. 16.*

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard Thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped Thee: and I will preserve Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate inheritances; that Thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. *Is. xlix. 8, 9,*

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¶ Then may be sung a suitable Psalm or Hymn. After which the Master shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

¶ Then the Proper Prayer for the Day, or else this general one:

O most blessed Saviour, who of Thy great goodness hast given to us Gentiles the light of Thy Gospel, and the knowledge of Thee, and hast appointed a succession of men to preach Thy Word, and administer Thy Sacraments; inspire, we pray Thee, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church with Thy Holy Spirit; increase the number of faithful labourers, and fill them with zeal for Thy glory, and for the salvation of souls. Vouchsafe Thine especial aid to those who labour among the heathen and unconverted; and grant to all Thy people the grace of liberal and grateful hearts, that aiding in this holy work, according to Thy will, our prayers and alms may come up for a memorial before Thee, and be accepted in Thy sight; for the propagation of Thy Gospel, and the furtherance of Thy kingdom; through Thy merits, and Thine only mediation, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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Admonitio

SUMMI SACERDOTIS, CHRISTI JESU,

AD SACERDOTES ET CLERICOS.

PISCATORES hominum, Sacerdotes Mei,
Præcones Altissimi, lucernæ diei,
Charitatis radiis fulgentes, et spei,
Auribus percipite verba oris Mei.

Vos in sanctuario Mihi deservitis;
Vos vocavi palmites; Ego vera vitis.
Cavete, ne steriles aut amari sitis,
Si mecum perpetuo vivere velitis.

Vos estis Catholicæ Legis portatores,
Sal terræ, lux hominum, ovium pastores,
Muri domus Israel, morum correctores,
Judices Ecclesiæ, gentium doctores.

Si desit protectio legis, lex labetur;
Si sal evanuerit, in quo salietur?
Nisi lux appareat, via non scietur:
Nisi pastor vigilet, ovile frangetur.

Vos cœpistis vineam Meam procurare,
Quam doctrinæ rivulis debetis rigare,
Et spinas et tribulos prorsus extirpare,
Ut radices Fidei possint germinare.

Admonitio.

Vos estis in area boves triturantes,
Prudenter a paleis grana separantes ;
Vos habent pro speculo, legem ignorantes
Laici, qui fragiles sunt et inconstantes.

Quicquid vident laici vobis displicere,
Credunt procul dubio sibi non licere.
Sed quicquid vos opere vident adimplere,
Credunt esse licitum, et culpa carere.

Cum pastores ovium sitis constituti,
Non estote desides, neque canes muti ;
Vobis non deficiant latratus acuti ;
Lupus rapax invidet ovium saluti.

Grex fidelis triplici cibo sustinetur :
Meo sacro corpore, quo fides augetur ;
Sermonis compendio, ut discrete detur ;
Mundano cibario, ne periclitetur.

Omnibus tenemini viris praedicare ;
Sed quibus, quid, qualiter, ubi, quando, quare,
Debetis sollicité praeconsiderare,
Ne quis in officio dicat vos errare.

Spectat ad officium vestræ dignitatis,
Gratiæ potentibus dare dona gratis ;
Quæ si contra fidei regulas vendatis,
Vos lepram miseriæ ferre sentiatis.

Admonitio.

Gratis Eucharistiam plebi ministrare,
Gratis et absolvite, gratis baptizate,
Vobis gratis cœlitus data gratis date,
Salutemque omnium sedulo curate.

Vestra conversatio sit religiosa,
Munda conscientia, vita virtuosa,
Regularis habitus, fama gratiosa ;
Nulla vos coinquinet labes criminosa.

Estote pacifici, sobrii, prudentes,
Justi, casti, simplices, pii, patientes,
Hospitales, humiles, subditos docentes,
Consolantes miserios, pravos corrigentes.

Estote breviloqui, ne vos ad reatum
Pertrahat loquacitas, nutrix vanitatum :
Verbum, quod proponitis, sit abbreviatum ;
Nam in multiloquio non deest peccatum.

Nulos fastus exprimat signum vestram vestis,
Gravitas vestium habitus sit testis :
Nihil vos illaqueat curis dishonestis,
Quibus claves traditæ sunt regni cœlestis.

Nam si sic gesseritis curam pastoralem,
Vereque vixeritis vitam spiritalem,
Postquam exueritis chlamydem carnalem,
IPSE vobis conferam stolam æternalem.

S. Francisci Xaverii amoris erga Deum affectus.

O Deus ! Ego amo te,
Nec amo te, ut salves me,
Aut quia non amantes te
Æterno punis igne.
Tu, Tu mi Jesu, totum me
Amplexus es in cruce,
Tulisti clavos, lanceam :
Multamque ignominiam,
Innumeros dolores,
Sudores, et angores,
Ac mortem ; et hæc propter me
Ac pro me peccatore.
Cur igitur non amem te ?
O Jesu amantissime !
Non ut in cœlo salves me,
Aut ne in æternum damnes me,
Nec præmii ullius spe,
Sed sicut amasti me,
Sic amo, et amabo te :
Solum quia Rex meus es,
Et solum quia Deus es. Amen.

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